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Registry Number: WR 1242/39/48

FROM: Mr Beighton, Tsy. to Mr Henderson.

No. S. 48146.

Dated: May 7th

Received in Registry: - 10th

Transfer to UNRRA of responsibility for Polish refugees.

Acknowledges F.O. letter of 1st. May (WR 822/39/48) & returns statement of expenditure. Expresses approval of F.O.'s decision to transfer to UNRRA the responsibility for Polish refugees.

Last Paper.

WR 1236

References.

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Refugees Dept views are expressed in WR 822/39/48

I.M.L. Henderson 14/5

Finance Dept (Mr Mitchell)

Northern Dept

Sec with letter from Mr. Beighton to Mr. Sherwood (Tsy) S. 45146 9/5

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

7th May 1946

WR 1242

Dear Henderson,

Thank you for your letter of 1st May about Polish refugees.

We are glad to note that you have now reached a stage when you are able to transfer responsibility for these people to U.N.R.R.A. As you surmise, my letter to Sherwood refers specifically to the "Cyprus Group". We feel strongly that their maintenance should no longer be at the sole charge of the British Government, and in fact we shall be unwilling to sanction the shouldering of this burden much longer.

I return the statement of expenditure which was enclosed with your letter.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sherwood.

Yours sincerely,

J.D.L. Brighton

I.L. Henderson Esq.,
Foreign Office.

9 MAY 1946

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(WR 957/957/48

NORTHERN RHODESIA.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF POLISH EVACUEES OF THE CYPRUS GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

Refer Secretary of State Saving Telegram 22 of the 8th February, 1944.

(i)	Amount Advanced.		_____
(ii)	(a) Actual Expenditure on Construction and Equipment of Camps.		_____
	(b) Recurrent charges Camps.		_____
	(c) Maintenance charges for Refugees.		
	1. Board and Accommodation.	£23,425:18: 0.	
	2. Pocket Money	2,293: 7: 9.	
	3. Clothing	1,586:19: 3.	
	4. Laundry	361:18: 8.	
	5. Travelling and Transport	250:11: 7.	
	6. Medical	469:10: 7.	
	7. Polish School	136: 8: 4.	
	8. Water and Electric Light	9: 9: 0.	£28,534: 3: 2.
	(d) Charges for Staff.		580: 0: 0.
	(e) Share of cost of E.A.R.A.		_____
	(f) Miscellaneous Items		
	Burial fees, Visa fees, Office expenses etc.,		39:17: 0.
	Expenditure incurred during 1944.		£29,154: 0: 2.
	Total expenditure as per statement for year:-		
	ended 31.12.1941.	18,416:17: 3.	
	ended 31.12.1942.	54,804:10:11.	
	ended 31.12.1943.	38,957: 9: 1.	112,178:17: 3.
	Total expenditure to 31.12.1944.		141,332:17: 5.
	Less:- Paid in 1942.	18,416:17: 3.	
	Paid in 1944.	54,804:10:11.	
	Paid in 1945.	38,957: 9: 1.	112,178:17: 3.
	Total amount now due		£ 29,154:0 :2.

(Sgd.)
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

I hereby certify that the expenditure detailed above was incurred soley in connection with Polish Evacuees of the Cyprus Group and that the total amount due from His Majesty's Government in respect of the account is :- £29,154:0:2.

(Sgd.) A.C. Hands.
AUDITOR

LUSAKA.

19.11.45.

NOTES: -

The number of Polish Refugees of the Cyprus Group as at 31st December, 1944, receiving Board and Accommodation was 169.

2. Receiving part Board and Accommodation was 36 made up of 17 families.

3. Receiving Pocket Money was 169.
Note. Adults receive 5/- per week, School children 4/3 per week, and other children 2/6 per week.

4. Receiving Clothing Allowance was 169.

These figures vary throughout the year as Evacuees obtain or leave employment.

Travelling and Transport charges are in respect of transfers of Evacuees and travelling expenses in connection with Medical, Dental and Opthalmic treatment. They also include expenses in connection with Evacuees who have been recommended by a Government Medical Officer to proceed to a more temperate climate for recuperative purposes.

Staff charges represent the proportion of the total cost of Headquarters Staff which deals with Polish Evacuees of the Cyprus and Merra Groups. The Head-quarters staff consists of the Director, one assistant Accountant, two female clerks and one part-time typist. The Director is also Camp Commandant of the Polish Camp (Merra Group) Lusaka

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Tel. No.: Whitehall 1234

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Your Reference

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

7th May 1946

Mr Henderson
May I see
please

Dear Sherwood,

I enclose a copy of my letter to Henderson in reply to his of 1st May about the Polish refugees, which you have doubtless seen.

I hope the Foreign Office is now in a position to reply to the other points raised in my letter to you of the 18th March. We are most anxious to bring all these services to a speedy termination. We feel that they ought not to be allowed to drag on any longer.

Yours sincerely,

J.E.K. Beighton

L.R. Sherwood Esq., O.B.E.,
Foreign Office.

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WR 1258

12 MAY 1946

Registry Number WR.1258/39/48

FROM W.O. commund.

No. 56935

Dated May 7th

Received in Registry — 11th

Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.

Reports departure of the above & gives its present position.

Last Paper.

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BM Encl 12 to 124/Pol/4.

From: War Office

To : GHQ India

Info: GOC in C East Africa

D.T.O. 07115
Desp. 071830 May'46

.....5693 cipher C.A.6./D.P. 7 May

RESTRICTED

ONE (.) For your information a Polish Mission originating from Warsaw has left this country for a tour of Polish DP Camps in Middle East, East Africa and India (.) Object of this mission is to "indoctrinate" Poles with with a view to pursuading them to return to Poland (.)

TWO (.) The Mission is now in Middle East and is expected to tour East Africa before arriving in India (.) India Office advise full information can be obtained from Commonwealth Relations Department (.)

C.6.(Tels.)

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Registry Number: WR 1271/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM: Beirut

No. 426

Dated: May 11th

Received in Registry: - 13th

Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.

Refers to F.O. tel. no. 345 (WR 799/39/48) & gives Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' attitude regarding the above.

Last Paper.

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S/W.O. (Lt. Col. Logan)
C.O. (Mr Bates)
Tsy. (Mr Eggers)
May 14

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(Minutes.)

Copy W.O. (Lieut.Col.C.C.M.Logan C.A.6/DP) ✓
Treasury -(Mr. Eggers) ✓
C.O. (Mr. Bates.) ✓

Northern Department will be able to say whether we can give the categorical intimation suggested in paragraph.2.

If this intimation proves to be without effect, then I suppose all we can do would be to arrange to move these Poles e.g. into Palestine since we must hope that as a result of the mission's visit at least a few will decide to return to Poland, & we must therefore arrange that the Mission can stay there.

Ian L. Henderson

14th May 1946.

Northern } ~~Eastern~~ Departments
Eastern } a/a. see minute.

N. pp are attached.

The assurance originally given to the Lebanese Govt is at N 9323/6/55 of last year. Beirut asked us in September for authority to renew this assurance (N 12451). We agreed (N 13174). In agreeing, we said "for your information only, we still hope that Unrra will take over care of/

of these poles. We expect an early decision. If UNRRA agree, it will of course be for them to meet expenses in the Lebanon."

Mr Effers, whom I have consulted, agrees that our assurance can & should now be withdrawn at once. I am not clear, however, what date we should fix as the time after which our financial support will cease. I think Refugee Dept ought to decide about this in consultation with E.R.O. A reasonable date to suggest would be the date when UNRRA take over in Palestine.

Would Refugee Dept. keep Mr Effers in the picture? Our reply to Beirut should be agreed with him.

P. Francis
17. V.

(Official Treasury concurrence will in any case be necessary).

If we withdraw our assurance, we must give a date after which we cannot be financially responsible. UNRRA will not agree on a date until they have been asked by the Lebanese Government to assume responsibility for Polish refugees in the Lebanon. Now, however, see WR 1303/39/48

I think, however,

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17th May, 1946

Northern Dept. again

Illegible

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Minutes.

I am sorry that I cannot agree with Mr. Eggers ~~on this point~~. We did give a guarantee to the Lebanese Government. UNRRA have agreed in principle to take over financial responsibility for Poles in the Middle East, but it will be recalled (and the point is absolutely essential) that they cannot act in respect of any territory except in agreement with the Government of that territory: that is to say that they cannot take over financial responsibility for Poles in the Lebanon unless and until the Lebanese Government officially asks them to take over ~~such~~ responsibility. The Lebanese Government will not do so except on conditions. If we do not satisfy these conditions the Lebanese Government will not approach UNRRA.

(This is quite inescapable: the terms of UNRRA Council Resolution 46 are categorical).

The Lebanese Governments condition is an essentially reasonable one: It is even more reasonable than they perhaps know because (1) UNRRA is a temporary authority, and (2) if and to the extent that any of these Poles are not repatriated they must necessarily become the responsibility of the Government of the territory where they are unless that responsibility has been devolved on to another Government. There can be no possible doubt ~~question~~ of this and Mr. Eggers is in my view entirely wrong in thinking that the situation can be different. The only course which in my view is open to us is to write broadly in the above sense to the Treasury, to remind them of Mr Ellis Rees's concurrence (see N 13174/1938/55) in the guarantee to the Lebanese Government being given, and ask them to concur in our acceptance of the Lebanese Government's condition and in our requesting the Lebanese Government now to approach UNRRA officially on the basis of such assurance.

J.M. Macaulay
20th May, 1946.

Notes left again.

This has now been settled on other papers.

C.J.U.
15.11.

The first minute on this paper suggests the possibility of these Poles being sent to Palestine. There are quite enough problems in Palestine already & E Dept. would like to be consulted if there is ever any chance of this suggestion becoming actual.

18/6

There is no risk of this. I
Prior explained to Mr Lockhart.
See WR 1/39/48

I.L.-H.
20/6

Minutes.

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[CYPHER]. FILES.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

WR

Mr. Shone. D. 7.30 p.m. 11th May, 1946.
No.426.
11th May 1946. R. 9.00 p.m. 11th May, 1946.

W:W:W:W:W

WR 1371
WR 799/39/48
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Your telegram No.345.

Although, despite constant pressure, I have so far received no reply to my note of April 3rd, the the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs have made it clear that they are most reluctant to approach U.N.R.R.A. as requested because they consider the guarantee we have given them binds us to maintain Polish refugees as long as the latter choose to remain there, and because the Ministry of Foreign Affairs prefer guarantee of His Majesty's Government to that of U.N.R.R.A.

N 9523/6/55

2. It has been pointed out that neither our written commitment (my despatches No.133 of 1945 and unnumbered October 9th last) nor any oral statements made by members of His Majesty's Legation give credence to such a supposition. They remain obdurate however, and I fear nothing less than categorical intimation from His Majesty's Government that their financial support of Poland will cease after a certain date will move them. Please telegraph instructions.

Not N. or WR

3. Chief Middle East representative of U.N.R.R.A. visited Beirut recently to gather information preparatory to taking over. He has been informed of the position as set out above and on expressing the desire for copy of our note of 13th July last was advised to apply to you.

O.T.P.

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WR 1303

15 MAY 1946

Registry Number WR 1303/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM Beirut

No. 440

Dated May 14th

Received in Registry - 15th

Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.

Refers to Beirut tel. no. 426 (WR 1271/39/48), & states that the Lebanese Min. of Foreign Affairs have now replied to note enclosed in his despatch no 62 (WR 1027/107/48). Quotes last paragraph, & desires to know if he may give the required assurances.

Last Paper.

(WR 1271)

References.

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(How disposed of.)

8) Tey (Mr Eggers)
C.O. (Mr Bates)
W.O (Lt. Col. Logan)

May 18th.

Dft) Tey.

Tel) Beirut no 484 June 20th

8) Mr Eggers Tsy
Lt. Colonel Logan WO.

June 24th

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WR 1384

(Minutes.)

Ref to Dept. 13/5

Copy { Tsy (Mr Eggers)
C.O. (Mr Bates)
W.O. (Lieut. Colonel C.C.M. Logan, C.A. 6/D.P)

I may make draft of Tsy will agree to this. W. will say that such Poles in the Lebanon who may prove to be ~~non~~ repatriable will become the responsibility of an International Agency and will ~~then~~ consequently not be a British financial commitment

Leach. Henderson

17/5.

2 HS

Northern Dept. for obs. first.

Eastern Dept. 2.C.

A good many of these Poles in the Lebanon are dependents of men in the Pol. 2 Corps in Italy. It is probably more likely that they will not go back to Poland and we shall hope to

to be able to ~~move~~ arrange for them eventually to join their menfolk wherever they may be settled. But H.O. are being very sticky about letting them come here.

I think we can only try the Lebanon suggestion on the Treasury. We should no doubt wish to add a proviso to their formula to the effect that H.M.G. would only take over if no other international organisation stepped into UNRRA's shoes.

D. Allen. 18/5

Finance Dept (Mr Sheppard) should also see.

The essential immediate point is what was the precise form & content of our part assurance to the Lebanon Govt of financial support for the Poles. Can

(1) Northern Dept
(2) Eastern Dept
(3) Finance Dept

answer please?

From the attached file it wd seem that Treasury concurrence was obtained orally (see minutes on N 13174/1938/55. Would they confirm that there was no other consultation or concurrence? that wd save a good deal of search.

The point is, of course that (1) if UNRRA come to an end before these people are repatriated (UNRRA can only either repatriate them a year from when they are) (2) immediately any of them are recognized to be more repatriable (thus outside UNRRA's mandate) – our guarantee to the Lebanon Govt must operate.

DM 20/5

Northern Dept (only) first.

See also previous minute on WR 1271/34/48

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The only assurances to the Lebanese Govt. I can find are those in N 9323/6/55 of 1945 and WR 1022/167/48 of 1946. I cannot trace any communication to the Lebanese Govt. based on our tel. No. 664 to Tehran in N 13174/1938/55 of 1945. One may have been made but I note that the communication in WR 1022 refers right back to that in N 9323.

I know of no other Treasury consultation or concurrence other than the conversation with Mr. Ellis Rees referred to in Mr. Hancock's minute on N 13174. He and I spoke to Mr. Ellis Rees in the Private Secretary's room while waiting for a meeting with S. of S.

D Allen 24/5

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Minutes.

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WR 1303/39/48

Minutes.

The entered copy of this telegram is hopelessly lost somewhere between your Department and here. It will turn up some day no doubt but in the meanwhile we are losing time and I should like to go ahead.

I attach draft to Treasury.

Northern Dept. 31. V.

31st May, 1946.

~~I cannot find the pp, but my recollection is that I minuted on Beirut tel. 426 that I had consulted the Treasury & that~~

I. L. H.

6/6

See within Treas. letter – June.

Try Eur telegram commence.

Dft. tel. to Beirut.

Iain L. Henderson

13/6.

N. } Depts
E. }

Returned to Dept to-day.

Tel. sent. I. L. H.

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Minutes.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

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[CYPHER]

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FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Minister
No. 440

D. 6.35 p.m. 14th May, 1946.
R. 8.27 p.m. 14th May, 1946.

14th May, 1946.

UUUU

IMPORTANT

My telegram No. 426. WR 1271/39/48

The Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs have now communicated semi-officially for my observations draft note in reply to that enclosed in my despatch 62. The note after recalling our past assurances of financial support for the Poles, "which determined the Lebanon Government to permit their provisional installation" here states that the latter "would not contemplate with the same security substitution of U.N.R.R.A. for His Majesty's Government in taking charge of Poles now in the Lebanon". The note then alludes to reported financial difficulties of U.N.R.R.A. and to its being due to be wound up in Europe at the end of 1946 and in the Far East next year. Following is translation of the final paragraph

[Begins]

Nevertheless the Lebanese Government realising the burden which the Polish refugees represent to His Majesty's Government, would be ready to ask U.N.R.R.A. to provide for their maintenance if His Majesty's Government were to give to the Lebanese Government, in a form which could be studied later, guarantee that in the event of U.N.R.R.A. for any reason ceasing its activities, His Majesty's Government would resume the charge of supporting Polish refugees remaining in the Lebanon. [Ends].

2. Please telegraph if I may give the required assurances which appear reasonable in the circumstances.

[Copies sent to Middle East Secretariat].

O.T.P.

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D.M.

Draft.

Secretary,
Treasury

Northern Dept. first

31
Mr S

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

3 June ~~May~~, 1946.

I am directed etc. to transmit to you herewith a copy of telegram No. 440 of 14th May from His Majesty's Minister at Beirut in the matter of Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

Mr. Bevin is of the opinion that the representations of the Lebanese Govt. are reasonable and logical and he feels that H.M.G. in the U.K. have no option but to furnish the guarantee requested. The Lords Commissioners will appreciate that, having regard to paragraph 5 of UNRRA Council Resolution No. 46 and related Resolutions, notably 57, 71 and 92, UNRRA Administration are unable to ~~take~~ undertake the task of care of displaced persons pending repatriation except in agreement with the Govts. concerned, one of whom is the Govt. of temporary refuge. It is essential therefore that a formal request be addressed to UNRRA by the Lebanese Govt., and indeed in their negotiations with the United Kingdom Govt. with a view to the transference /

transference of responsibility for these displaced persons to UNRRA the latter actually stipulated that a formal request be submitted to them by the Lebanese Govt. It is therefore a pre-condition of relief from this responsibility that the Lebanese Govt. should approach UNRRA and they are unwilling to do so unless the guarantee on the part of H.M.G. in the U.K. is forthcoming.

Mr. Bevin would therefore be glad to receive an intimation of Their Lordships concurrence in the despatch of a telegram to His Majesty's Minister at Beirut authorising him to give the required guarantee.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

WR 1303/39/48

3rd June, 1946.

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I /

The Secretary,
Treasury.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CL

WR.

Tel. No.: Whitehall 1234

Your Reference W.R.1303/39/48

Treasury Reference O.F.91/4/14

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

R1303/39/48

June, 1946.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd June and to state that they concur in the proposal to instruct His Majesty's Minister at Beirut that he may give an assurance to the Lebanese Government that, in the event of U.N.R.R.A. ceasing its activities, His Majesty's Government will resume the charge of supporting Polish refugees remaining in the Lebanon.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. H. Eggers

The Under-Secretary of State,
The Foreign Office.

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I.L.H.

Draft.

H.M. Minister,

Beirut

Telegram.

No. ....484....

Cypher

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Treasury - (Mr Eggers)
W.O. - Lt. Col. Logan

FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

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21 June, 1946.

Your telegram No. 440 [of 14th May: Guarantee to support Polish refugees in Lebanon] paragraph 2.

You may give the required assurances.

I.L.H.

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BEIRUT

No. 484 D: 11.00 a.m. 21st June, 1946

20th June, 1946

&&&&&&&

Your telegram No. 440 [of 14th May: Guarantee to support Polish refugees in Lebanon] paragraph 2.

You may give the required assurances.

O.T.P.

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Registry Number WR1384/35/48

FROM Brig. Drew, War Office to Mr. Radcliffe

No.

Dated 21 May 1946

Received in Registry 22

Polish Repatriation Mission (the Middle East).

Refers to F.O. Minute of 18 May (WR 1199)

Considers that thesis proposed in para. 2 is highly dangerous - gives reasons.

[Copied as reference]

Last Paper.

WR1380

References.

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Diff) Brig. Drew (W.O.) from Mr Radcliffe May 23rd

Copied to Mr Baxter (C.O.) Mr Winfield (Treasury) Mr Eggers Mr Kerr (W.O.)

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(Minutes.)

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Finance .. (Mr Sherwood) } a.a.

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I.L.H.

25/5

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ABBey 1272 Ext.

From: Brig. F.G. Drew, O.B.E., D.D.C.A. (M.G.)
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

WR 1384
MAY

21. May, 1946.

Dear McKillop,

Many thanks for your WR.1199/39/48 of 18th May, which I am passing to Key.

Although it is hardly a War Office matter, and although admittedly, you are referring to Poles only, I feel that the thesis you prepared in paragraph 2 is a highly dangerous one. It appears to me to amount to this, that U.N.R.R.A. may automatically return to store, without question, any Displaced Person for whom they have accepted responsibility and whom they subsequently discover to be non-repatriable. If this theory is accepted, it would appear that any or all Displaced Persons whom we have handed over to U.N.R.R.A. may, at any time, or even on U.N.R.R.A. closing down, be shot back at H.M.G. who would thereupon again become responsible for their maintenance, and/or disposal. I should have thought that, once U.N.R.R.A. accepts responsibility for an individual and took that individual over physically, there could be no question of their subsequently shooting him back for H.M.G. to look after, except in event of H.M.G. agreeing to re assume responsibility - but not as of right.

I am copying this to the recipients of your letter including Charles Key.

Yours sincerely

F G Drew

(Sgd.) F. G. Drew

D. Mackillop, Esq.,
Refugee Department,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

WR 1384/39/48

23rd May, 1948.

Many thanks for your letter of 21st May referring to mine (WR 1199/39/48) of 18th May.

I sincerely hope that you are right and I am wrong but I do not think so. The general policy and authority of UNRRA with respect to displaced persons is "in concert with Member Governments to plan, co-ordinate, administer or arrange for the administration of orderly and effective measures for the return to their homes of prisoners, exiles and other displaced persons". That is basic. It is true that Resolution 71, which we were successful in getting adopted after a very hard struggle, subsequently authorised UNRRA Administration to carry out operations in enemy and ex-enemy areas (sic) for the care of displaced persons, but the Eastern European Group of United Nations has always been dissatisfied with that ruling and in their turn succeeded, at the Fourth session of UNRRA Council held on 15th - 29th March this year, in securing the adoption of a very clearly worded Resolution, No. 92, which Parker is considering from the War Office angle and which places the emphasis in relation to UNRRA's duty and functions very strongly on bringing about the removal of conditions which may interfere with repatriation. In my opinion we are most seriously threatened with finding ourselves saddled as an individual Government with enormous commitments in respect of non-repatriable displaced persons - commitments indeed which we should very doubtfully be able to meet at all, and little of any effectiveness is being done to reduce them. With particular regard to these Poles, my view has always been that UNRRA has in principle (only) accepted responsibility, specifically excepting those in the Lebanon and in India so far, on special grounds, and with a view to their ultimate repatriation. Let us assume that UNRRA discovers that only /

Brigadier F.G. Drew, O.B.E.,
D.D.C.A. (M.G.)
War Office

only some (or perhaps none) of these people are repatriable. What happens? In my view UNRRA is entitled and indeed obliged to conclude that all, or the balance as the case may be, are non-repatriable. It will then inform us and the Polish Government to that effect and simply walk away.

However, we have been in very close contact with the War Office throughout the negotiations with UNRRA and it is of course entirely open to the War Office to take their own view of UNRRA's position in this matter. More generally, the War Office are entirely free to form a view different from mine as to whether, in respect of non-repatriable displaced persons considered as a whole, my fears are well-founded or not. It is, I am sure, appreciated that UNRRA is <u>not</u> an Agency operating in accordance with our own individual policy or wishes, or indeed an instrument of United Kingdom policy in any sense. It is an international administration on whose Council all United Nations are represented: that means that, at all policy-making meetings of UNRRA Council, there is a solid phalanx consisting of the Soviet Union and its five associates who speak and vote as one man against any proposal to do anything whatever in favour of Eastern European dissidents anywhere. (I should add that that is equally true of all United Nations meetings where the refugee problem is discussed.) It follows that the conclusions reached by policy-making bodies are bound to be influenced by Eastern European views, the more so since in this particular matter we are far from being in alignment with the Americans: indeed in some important matters (including the two most important of all, namely the relationship of the future international refugee body and the United Nations and on the matter of compulsory contributions by all United Nations to the operational costs) the United States view (which swings the Latin-American vote) is closer to that of the Russian group than to our own. This sounds odd but there are three good /

good material reasons for it:

(1) the Americans are further away from Europe than ourselves and are less involved in the general displaced persons question;

(2) the main problem for them lies inside the U.S. Zone in Germany, and there they have a safety valve which we have not in their unexpended immigration quotas, for the filling up of which they are giving priority to the U.S. Zone;

(3) if and when any United Nations Refugee organisation is set up, the United States percentage contribution will be higher than it is under the existing Agency (I.G.C.R.), while in our case it will, of course, be much lower - or I fear I must now say would be much lower. It is consequently quite understandable that the Americans should not be inclined to support very strongly proposals which will cost them much more (on a percentage basis) than ourselves, and more than they themselves are paying at present, while incurring what they no doubt consider avoidable friction with the Russian group into the bargain if they do support us. My conclusion from this is that it would be idle for us to expect useful American support in getting the kind of international Agency that would suit us to deal with the refugee problem, and failing which we shall as an individual Government be faced with a colossal commitment: but I should like to emphasise that I am merely offering you this as my own view. The War Office have been kept informed in every detail of the proceedings of the Special Refugee Committee on the general problem, while in the particular matter of these Poles there has been the closest contact between us and all the facts are in your Department's possession. You are, as I need hardly say, free to draw whatever conclusions you wish, whether they correspond with mine or otherwise.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bates, Colonial Office, Winnifrith and Eggers, Treasury, and to Key.

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23 MAY 1946

Registry Number } WR1392/39/48

FROM Maj. Parker, War Office

No. Mr. Mackillop

Dated 1/24/Pol/5P

Received in Registry } 16 May 1946 23

Polish Mission to the Middle East.

Refers to 57575 C.A.6(DP) of 14 May to Middle East, on subject of F.O. attitude to above. States that it is now realised that this contains political implications, and requests to know if F.O. consider it should be modified.

Last Paper.

WR 1384

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Off Maj. Parker (W.O.) from Mr Mackillop

June 1st.

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So far as Refugee Dept are concerned there is no foundation for para (c): that is to say that there will be no recommendation on the part of the Special Refugee Committee that in this sense or anything like it. But we are not responsible for or aware of the dispositions now under discussion for dealing with the general refugee & displ. question through international action. I assume that we regard the disposal of the Polish armed forces as a special U.K. responsibility & that disposal has in fact been settled separately from the general displ. question. I hope therefore I may leave it to Northern Dept to reply on this point.

Points (a) & (b) present no difficulty: (a) is undoubtedly true as Refugee Dept can confirm. (b) is a generally accepted principle. It is really stated too concisely since it leaves out entirely the emphasis on repatriation which has recently evolved in UNRRA Council discussions (Resolution 92)*. The W.P. though their attitude has been invited to do. Guess at allegation here & in our reply we should remind them of its terms.

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Northern Dept.

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the S. of S.'s recent discussions with Gen. Anders and the other Polish generals they urged him to agree in principle that our aim would be to reunite members of the Polish Armed Forces with their families overseas as soon as possible. The S. of S. included a passage on this question in his statement in the House on the 22nd May. In practice we must give the troops an opportunity of consulting their families and vice versa.

D. Allen. 24/5.

Dft. submitted
Lord L. Hankey
24/5

L.L.H.
29/5

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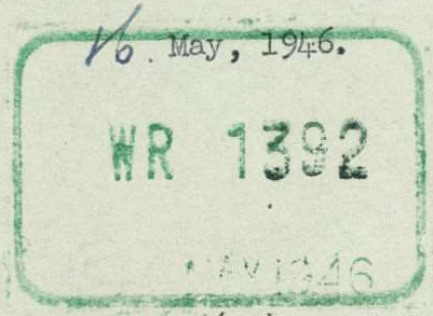
Ext 290

THE WAR OFFICE, (C.A.6(D.P))
HOTEL VICTORIA,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

16. May, 1946.



124/Pol/5

Dear Mackillop,

May I refer to our signal 57575 cipher CA6(DP) of 14th May to Middle East, on the subject of the Foreign Office attitude to the visit of the Warsaw Mission to the Middle East and the Polish DP question in general.

It is now realised that the sub-paras of para. 3 of the cable referred to, and sub-para (c) in particular, have distinct political implications and we would be glad to have your confirmation as to whether these sub-paras should stand in their present form. If you consider they should be modified, will you please suggest amendments and we will despatch them to the addressees forthwith.

Yours sincerely

T.A. Parker
Major.

D.S. MacKillop, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
Refugee Department,
3 Cleveland Row,
St.James, S.W.1.

Abbey 1273/290.

C.A. 6. (J.P.)
Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
W.C.2.

22. May. 1946.

Dear Mackillop.

You asked for a copy of the enclosed War Office signal 5-75-75 of 14 May.

Yours

J.A. Parker
Major

D. Mackillop Esq.
Foreign Office.
3. Cleveland Row. St. James' S.W.1.

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124/Pol/5.
Desp. 141545 May 46.
D.T.O. 141200.

From : War Office

To : G.O.C. in C. Middle East.
G.H.Q.,C.M.F.

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..57575..... cipher C.A.6.(D.P.) 14 May.

Ref CMF FX65028 cipher of 2 May (.)

ONE (.) Our immediately following signal gives text of communication from Foreign Office commenting on the above (.)

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(a) No refugee or DP can become concern of future international body unless he has received adequate information from government of his country of origin (.)

(b) No refugee or DP will be repatriated unless he volunteers (.)

(c) No member of 2 Polcorps or dependent of member of 2 Polcorps will be required to make final decision whether or not to opt for return to Poland until he has had time and opportunity to consult his dependents and vice versa (.)

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" " (Mr. McKillop)
" " (Mr. I.L. Henderson)
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Major Parker,
C.A. 6/ D.P.
War Office

(from Mr. MacKillop)

Nuclear Dept.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

1 June ~~May~~, 1946.

Dear Parker.

Would you please refer to your letter 124/POL/5 of 16th May about the Warsaw Repatriation Mission to the Middle East?

Points (a) and (b) of paragraph 3 of telegram 57575 of 14th May enclosed present no difficulty. (a) is undoubtedly true, and (b) is a generally accepted principle. (b) is really stated too concisely since it leaves out entirely the emphasis on repatriation which has recently evolved in UNRRA Council discussions. In this connection we would remind you of the terms of UNRRA Council Resolution No. 92 especially paragraph 2(a).

We think that we must accept (c). In the Secretary of State's recent discussions with General Anders and the other Polish Generals they urged him to agree in principle ~~with~~ that our aim would be to reunite members of the Polish Armed Forces with their families overseas as soon /

soon as possible. The Secretary of State included the passage on this question in his statement in the House of Commons on the 22nd May. In practice we must give the troops an opportunity of consulting their ~~troops~~ families and vice versa.

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Yours sincerely

(Sgd) D. Mackillop

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

June, 1946.

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Yours sincerely,

(sgd) D. MacKillop

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Major F.A.S. Parker,
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Registry Number } WR1402/39/48

FROM Chancery, Beirut, to Northern Dept.

No. 54/77/46

Dated 17.5.46.

Received in Registry } 24.5.46.

Case of maintenance of Poles in the Lebanon

Refers to Beirut tel. no 426 of 11th May (WR1297) The Chief Middle East representative of UNRRA said that when UNRRA takes over they will have to dismiss all Poles now in charge of the administration of Polish welfare who are known to be adherents of the former London Govt. Wishes to know whether F.O. can dissuade UNRRA from adopting such a plan. Gives detailed reasons for maintaining good relations with the Poles.

Last Paper.

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References.

N 16530/1930/55

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8) Tray (Mr Eggers)
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WR 1403

(Minutes.)

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UNRRA are always careful to be correct towards their Member Governments including those of the Slav bloc.

"Co-operation with the Governments concerned" is a principle on which they insist in accordance with the terms of various Resolutions relating to displaced persons. I submit that they would be within their rights if they dismissed adherents of the former London Polish Government from positions in the Administration over Polish refugees in the Lebanon. Provided these individuals were replaced by impartial successors, not much harm would be done and the removal of our Polish friends would be part of the price we would have to pay for transferring our commitment to UNRRA but if UNRRA were to appoint Warsaw Poles to this position they would be given an unfair opportunity for discovering which Polish refugees were hostile to the Warsaw Govt. and might arrange to retaliate upon relatives in Poland.

I submit that if UNRRA should be found to be desirous of dismissing any Polish members of the Administration over these refugees, we should represent to them the great desirability on humanitarian grounds of seeing that any successors were untainted by political bias, that we should explain our view to Beirut and ask them to report at once any signs that their apprehensions are being confirmed.

Ian L. Henderson

25th May, 1946.

Northern Dept. for obs.

I agree. (Treasury and W.O. will no doubt receive copies of the corr.).

But this is disregarding Resolution 92 of UNRRA Council, paragraph 3 of which is quite clear on the point: and it is mandatory on UNRRA Administration. I sent a copy of the resolution to N. Dept the other day: I attach another but doubtful if it could be returned. Copy Treasury (Mr Eggers) W.O. Dec 27

Northern Dept again

28888. F.O.P.

Had we not better explain to Beirut about resolution 92? I hope Refugee Dept will, however, feel able to add that we fully appreciate the humanitarian considerations & that we understand that in practice UNRWA will probably want to take on at least a substantial number of former I.T.C. employees (Mr McKillop will remember that this emerged at a meeting in Portland Place some time ago). Beirut could also be asked to keep an eye on things & report, as Mr Henderson suggests.

P. Wancock
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Dft. to Beirut.

Ian L. Henderson
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~~See in the~~
~~Mr Eggers (Iraq) to Mr Hancock~~
~~June 3.~~

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NR 1402
24 MAY 1946

BRITISH LEGATION,
BEIRUT.

54/73/46

17th May 1946.

WR1271/9/46

Dear Northern Department,

With reference to our telegram No. 426 of the 11th May about the transfer to UNRRA of the care and maintenance of Poles in the Lebanon, we feel we should let you know that the chief Middle East representative of UNRRA expressed to us the view that when UNRRA take over they will have to dismiss, though possibly not at one fell sweep, all the Poles now in charge of the administration of Polish welfare who are known to be adherents of the former "London" Government - in other words the vast majority of them - and replace them by UNRRA officials brought in from outside. He based this view on the facts that the Warsaw Government is a member of UNRRA and that the latter therefore cannot employ persons hostile to it.

2. We do not know if Brigadier Waddington's view is correct or, if it is, you can do anything to persuade UNRRA either to give up such a plan or else to proceed with great care and tact. Our main reason is that such changes in administrative personnel are bound to stir up a good deal of ill-feeling among the Poles here and we fear that much of this may be directed against ourselves. We would also point out that the Poles who will be dismissed have been working entirely harmoniously with us and, so far as we know, to the satisfaction of the Interim Treasury Committee. Another consideration is that most of these Poles have signed contracts in accordance with the instructions you sent us in your letter No. N 16530/1938/55 of the 25th February last.

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Northern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

22 MAY 1946

3. Any estimates given by the Interim Treasury Committee to UNRRA will require to be reviewed in the light of the position which will arise after the withdrawal of the British Forces from this country in the coming summer. Brigadier Waddington, who is in touch with Colonel Hobbs, the British Military Liaison Officer with the Allied Forces in the Middle East, if of course fully aware of this.

4. At present a large number of refugees who are "military families" obtain army rations, and have facilities for purchasing from the NAAFI stores, and various of the hostels and clubs and some of the billets in Beirut are in premises under army requisition, while the hospital and storerooms for the large quantity of miscellaneous equipment brought from Persia are in military premises. Stores of all kinds, furniture and building materials, have in the past been obtained from military sources through the Polish Red Cross or directly through the Polish Town Major. Recommendations have been submitted to G.H.Q., M.E.F. by Headquarters of the British Troops North Levant here, which have not yet been approved, regarding the wearing of uniform by military students and others, War Department hirings, transport vehicles at present on loan, NAAFI facilities, and army rations and other stores. If satisfactory solutions of all these and other points are not reached between the Poles and the Army authorities, the cost of maintenance of the Poles in the Lebanon will increase very appreciably.

Yours ever,

BEIRUT CHANCERY.

BRITISH LEGATION BEIRUT

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British Legation,
Beirut

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Treasury - Mr Eggers
W.O. - Colonel C.C.M. Logan
C.A.6(D.P.)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

15 June, 1946.

Dear Chancery,

Would you please refer to your letter of 17th May to Northern Department about the transfer to UNRRA of the care and maintenance of Poles in the Lebanon?

Under paragraph 3 of UNRRA Council Resolution No. 92 passed at the Fourth Council meeting of UNRRA at Atlantic City, the Council "recommends to the occupying authorities and military authorities of the Governments concerned that only those persons who have been properly nominated by presently recognised Governments shall be accredited to the occupying authorities and military authorities and permitted to serve as Liaison Officers." The Council further "recognises that existing Liaison Officers who are not so nominated and accredited shall not be given access to assembly centres."

This Resolution is mandatory on the UNRRA Administration and we cannot therefore persuade UNRRA to give up the plan described in your letter. We do, however, fully appreciate the humanitarian considerations involved and we understand that in practice UNRRA will probably want to take over at least a substantial number of former Interim Treasury Committee employees.

We should be glad if you will report any signs that your apprehensions are being confirmed.

I.L.H.
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(WR 1402/39/48)

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REFUGEE DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Legation,
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2 MAY 1946

Registry Number WR1402/39/48

FROM Brig Drew (W.O.) to Mr MacKillop

No. 124/PSheet/5

Dated 21.5.46.

Received in Registry 24.5.46.

Polish repatriation mission to the Middle East.

Reference to F.O. letter of 6th May (WR 1199). Attached copies of tels. from Troopers to C-in-C Middle East nos 57575 & 57576. Cannot accept the idea that those who finally refuse repatriation will again become the responsibility of the Military Commander of the local governing authority in the area where they are. W.O. would be most reluctant to re-assume any such commitment. Copied to recipients of F.O. letter.

Last Paper.

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See Mr. MacKillop's letter to Brigadier Drew of 18th May on WR 1199/39/48.

I.L.H.

25th May, 1946.

See within

W.O. to S.O.S. in C. Middle East no 57454 May 17

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ABBey 1272
Ext: 295

From: Brigadier F.G. Drew, O.B.E. - D.D.C.A.(M.G.)

The War Office,

Room 144,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

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WR 1403
24 MAY 1946

124/Poland/5

21st May, 1946.

Dear MacKillop

May I refer to your letter to Hammer, reference WR 1199/39/48 of 6th May. (Hammer is no longer responsible for any D.P. matters outside Austria and Germany and is now working under the Control Office, Norfolk House).

2. You will have seen that I have repeated the contents of your letter to both C. in Cs Middle East and C.M.F. in Troopers signals 57575 and 6, copies attached for easy reference and I trust this will go some way to reconcile them to the presence in the Near East of the Polish (Warsaw) Repatriation Mission.

3. Without prejudice to any further comments we may wish to make on your letter, I should like to say at once that we cannot accept the idea that those who finally refuse repatriation "will again become the responsibility of the Military Commander or of the local governing authority in the area where they are" - so far as the Military Commander is concerned. The maintenance of these unfortunate people is not primarily a military responsibility. We have acted, and are acting in this matter only from military necessity or as agents for the Foreign Office or of local governing authorities. Once these conditions cease to apply and

individuals/

D. MacKillop Esq.,
Refugee Department,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

individuals have been handed over to, and been accepted by, UNRRA or by other agencies, then in our view there can be no question of Military Commanders "again" accepting responsibility as a matter of course as your letter would seem to imply, or without specific arrangements and agreements to that end being made.

I need hardly say that the War Office would be most reluctant to re-assume any such commitment. Apart from any other consideration it would involve additions to the manpower required by the Army.

4. I am copying this letter to those to whom your original letter was addressed and am also repeating the substance of it to C.M.F. and Middle East.

Yours ever

Frank Ra.

P.S. Since drafting the above, and while it has been under consideration by other branches of the War Office, I spoke to you on 16th May and have since had your further letter of 18th May.

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Desp. 141545 May 46.
D.T.O. 141200.

From : War Office

To : G.O.C. in C. Middle East.
G.H.Q., C.M.F.

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Ref CMF FX65028 cipher of 2 May (.)

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From : War Office

To : G.O.C. inC. Middle East.

D.T.O. 141205.
Desp. 141615 May 46.
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..57576..... cipher C.A.6.(D.P.) 14 May.

Ref our immediately preceding signal (.)

ONE (.) Text of Foreign Office communication as follows :

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definitely and finally non-repatriable or (2) any person among the same groups has not received adequate information from the Government of his country of origin when the future international body is set up, there is not the smallest chance of the Military Commander or governing authority of the area where that person is being relieved in any degree of responsibility in respect of such person. Nor will there be any hope of relief from that commitment at any future time unless and until the condition respecting adequate information is satisfied (.) Unquote (.)

TWO (.) You should therefore be aware of the possibility of a further continuing War Office commitment arising in the circumstances described above (.)

C.6.Tels.

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D.T.O. 171206.

From: WAR OFFICE 124/Pol/5

To : G.O.C. in C MIDDLE EAST IMMEDIATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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57954.....cipher C.A.6(D.P.) 17 May. SECRET

Ref Troopers 57575 cipher C.A.6(D.P.) of 14 May(.) Regret quote immediately following signal unquote sent to Mideast as 57576 cipher C.A.6(D.P.) of 14 May not addressed to G.H.Q. C.M.F and is therefore transmitted herewith(.)

Ref our immediately preceeding signal(.)

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TWO(.) You should therefore be aware that F.O. envisage possibility of a further continuing War Office commitment arising in the circumstances described above(.)

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From: War Office 124/Pol/5

To: G.O.C.-in-C., Middle East.

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...57971..... cipher C.A.6 (D.P.) 17 May.

Ref. Troopers 57576 cipher C.A.6 (DP) of 14 May (.)

Para. TWO should read quote you should therefore be aware that Foreign Office envisage possibility of further continuing War Office commitment arising in circumstances described above unquote (.)

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From: War Office

To: GHQ CMF

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Subject is responsibility for DPs(.)

ONE(.) Ref 57575 and 57576 CA6(DP) cipher of 14 May giving text Foreign Office views(.) Our reply to Foreign Office emphasises that idea that those who finally refuse repatriation quote will again become the responsibility of the Military Commander or of the local Governing Authority in the area they are unquote is unacceptable as far as the Military Commander is concerned(.)

TWO(.) We hold that maintenance of these DPs is not primarily a military responsibility and are acting only from military necessity or as agents for the Foreign Office or of local Governing Authorities(.)

THREE(.)Once these conditions cease to apply and individuals have been handed over to and accepted by UNRRA or other agencies then in our view there can be no question of Military Commanders quote again unquote accepting responsibility without specific arrangements and agreements being made

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Foreign Office (Refugee Dept - Mr. Mackillop)
Colonial Office (Mr. Bates)
DDCA (MG) (3)
CA 2, 6(DP)(6)

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(Sd) C. C. M. LOGAN.

Lt.Col.

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28 MAY 1946

WR 1443/39/48

Letter from
Charles Key,
War Office

To Mr. MacKillop

Dated 27th May, 1946

Polish Repatriation Mission to Middle East.

Refers to letter of May 6th (WR 1199) and letter of May 22nd (WR 1384).

States that the W.O. cannot take over responsibility for maintenance of Polish or any other families outside the territory under military government.

Copied to Mr Bates (C.O) Mr Winnifith and Mr Eggers (Tsy) and Brig Drew (DDCA (MG) WO).

Last Paper.

WR 1403

References.

(Print.)

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Dfd) Mr Key (W.O.)
June. 11th

8) C.O. (Mr Bates)
Tsy. (Mr Winnifith)
(Mr Eggers)
W.O. (Brig. Drew)
June. 11th

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(Minutes.)

McKay is right to the extent that the military Commander is not necessarily the governing authority in any area, & that the administration responsibility for d.p.'s (& as for other alien.) is normally one of civil government, not ancillary to military command except where the military commander is really the governing authority as in occupied territory. Indeed, generally speaking, his argument wd be good if what he sought to prove was that it was equally if not more likely that the U.K. Govt responsibility, continuing or renewed as the case might be, wd be more properly implemented on the C.O. (D.O. & I.O.) than in the W.O. vote: but so far as I can see there is no shadow of an argument in favour of any consequential cost falling on the F.O. Whoever discharges administration responsibilities in the various territories covered by the Polish Repatriation Mission, it is not the F.O. As regards India it is surely the Govt of India & not the U.K. Govt at all.

But the latest development is that the Head of the Polish Repatriation Mission has deemed the situation to be unsatisfactory & has returned to London for further discussion with UNRRA. The prospect of an immediate relief from this burden through UNRRA is therefore disappearing, & it wd (therefore) be advisable to resist at once the supposition that there shd be recovery of certain costs from the Civilian vote, if Finance Dept agree.

Finance Dept (Mr Sherwood)

30/5

26513 F.O.P.

I think it may be difficult to resist the view that the W.O. are not concerned (apart from regulation allowances to military dependents) in territory where the military are not the governing authority, but where they are the task of government surely includes provision for Poles in the territory.

It would be easier to comprehend the size & nature of the problem if we could see an approximate picture of it as a whole i.e. where the Poles are, how many in each place, current cost of relief, and who is (1) administering (2) paying for it

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I agree but this will arise more directly out of another letter from McKay which I have just sent out for early & convenient & which I shall not fail to consult you & shall be grateful for your views.

I. L. H.

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I believe per the from
Dev. mgmt

The War Office,
Whitehall,
LONDON, S.W.1.

WR 1443

F.F.658(F.1.)

27th May, 1946.

Dear Mackillop,

Thank you for arranging for copies of your letters W.R.1199/39/48 dated 6th May, and W.R.1384/39/48 of 23rd May about the visit of the Polish repatriation mission to Middle East, to be referred to me.

I take your letter to mean that when U.N.R.R.A. or the international body set up to look after D.Ps refuses to accept responsibility for any of the families in question, the local governing authorities will once again find these families on their hands and that if the military authorities are also the local governing authorities as in Tripolitania, they will have to hold the babies and the mothers as well. Circumstances may force us into that unfortunate position but I should like to make it clear that in no case would the military authorities accept any responsibility where they are not at that time the local governing authority. Even where they are the local governing authority, I agree with Drew that it would be unfair to place the administrative burden of these D.Ps.etc., on them and I must emphasise that we should expect to recover from the Foreign Office Vote any expenses (other than family allowances - see below) we were forced to incur on such people.

There can be no question of the War Office taking over responsibility for maintenance of Polish or any other families outside the territories under military government simply because no one else will accept responsibility.

/ The War Office

D. Mackillop, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

The War Office would issue family allowance to Military families where admissible, but would not be concerned beyond that.

The camps for Polish refugees in the Middle East, East Africa, and India for example (which contain a number of Polish military families) are run as civil matters, and we cannot take over responsibility for non-repatriates in these camps.

Yours sincerely,

Copies to : Mr. Bates ..... Colonial Office
Mr. Winnifrith) ...
Mr. Eggers) ... Treasury
Brig. Drew ..... D.D.C.A.(M.G.) W.O.

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D.M.

Draft.

C. Key, Esq.,
War Office,
S.W.1.

Finance Dept.
Mr. Sherwood } first

Copies:

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Treasury-Mr. Winnifrith
Mr. Eggers
W.O. - Brigadier
Drew
D.D.C.A. (M.G.)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

11 June, 1946.

Dear Key,

Thank you for your letter F.F.658(F.1.) of 27th May, about the visit of the Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.

The new development is that the head of this Mission has run into difficulties, the precise nature of which is not yet known to us, and has returned to London for further consultations, primarily with UNRRA, as it appeared. Meanwhile UNRRA have not yet formally ~~agreed~~ and definitely agreed to take over financial responsibility from any given date.

Subject to that, I should certainly be inclined to accept your view to the extent of agreeing that the War Office would not normally be concerned (apart from regulation allowances to military dependents) in territories where the military Commander is not at the same time the local governing authority. It does, however, seem to me that, where ~~they are~~ he is the local governing authority, ~~their~~ his general administrative responsibility must extend to displaced persons in the territory concerned. I regret, however, that I still see difficulty in imagining how the Foreign Office could discharge administrative responsibilities in any such territory, or how costs arising out of the discharge of such administrative responsibilities in such areas could be related to the conduct of foreign affairs.

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I am sending copies of this letter to Bates, (Colonial Office), Winnifrith and Eggers (Treasury) and Brigadier Drew.

I.L.H.
3/6

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Ian L. Henderson

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(WR 1443/39/48)

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The/

C.E. Key, Esq., C.B.E.,
War Office.

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Yours sincerely

(Sgd) Ian. L. Henderson

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FROM: War Office (communicated)

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Polish repatriation mission to the Middle East

Transmits copy of tel. from P. in C. M.E. to W.O. No AL/4431 of 17th April referring to AL/04634 of 17th April (WR1046) Understands that Senczuk is returning to London by air 19th May for further discussions with Anders. Reason understood as the lack of progress so far made by mission after visit to Palestine. Believes that [illegible] will raise the question of orphans in Polish military schools.

Last Paper.

WR1454

References.

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WR1482

(Minutes.)

This is rather late. Lampson Szeczuk has been & gone.

B Hinchliffe 30/5

Political Dept 31/5.

I.L.H. 3/6

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28 MAY 1946

Recd. 182045 May 46

From:- C. in C. Middle East. DTO 181110 B

To:- War Office.
Info GHQ CMF.

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AL/14131 cipher 18 May 812 SECRET.

Your sig 54454 (CA(DP)) of 10 Apr and my AL/04634 of 17 Apr WR1046 Subject is visit Mideast Polish Provisional Govt repat mission.

Understand Head of Mission Senczuk returning to London by air 19 May for further discussions UNRRA. Reason understood to be lack of progress so far made by mission after visit Palestine. Indications are that Senczuk whilst in London will raise question of orphans in Polish mil schools Palestine and future of schools themselves among other matters. Request you refer para four my sig AL/10879 of 8 May My sig 099502/SDlc of 28 Mar and earlier letter BM/ALS/414 of 5 Feb signed C. in C concerning serious affect morale Polish troops in event successful intervention by Warsaw Govt with regard to these.

Two. For WOLS (Poles) my sig AL/099651 of 28 Mar to you refers.

C.6.Telegrams.

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WR 1482/39/48

Letter from
Mr. Bates, C.O.

To Mr. MacKillop

Dated 31st May,
1946

Visit of Polish Repatriation Mission to Middle East.

Encloses copy of a telegram 733 saying from the High Commissioner for Palestine, about the visit of the Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.
Requests comments.
Copied to Mr Eggers and Mr Hancock.

Last Paper.

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References.

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(1) Mr. Bates. C.O. from Mr. Henderson June. 11th

(Minutes.)

I feel that we are bound to agree with what is proposed, not only since we should neglect no possibility of repatriation and thus reduce the heavy commitment which must be ours in respect of all non-repatriables but specially in view of paragraph 3 of UNRRA Council Resolution No. 92 which I attach.

I should be grateful if Northern Dept. would enable us to say at once that the Foreign Office agree ~~to~~ to the points mentioned in the last paragraph but one of Mr. Bates' letter.

MacKillop

1st June, 1946.

Sir A. Meyer has replied to this & copied his letter to us. He feels that we can agree to their replacement by non-Poles, but wishes to avoid any impression that we are continuing to interest ourselves in the matter & would prefer to leave it to UNRRA to replace them. The date of the handover will probably be made retrospective to June 1st. I think we can agree with this view.

CCdWesselow 3/6

I agree. We must leave this to UNRRA.

PJU 3 vi

Dept. I.L.H.

~~Mr. Hancock~~

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26513 F.O.P.

P.T.O.

See within
Mr Eggers (Treas) to Mr Bates (C.O.) June 3rd.

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

WR 1482

31st May, 1946.

1 JUN 1946

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Dear MacKillop,

See below

I am sending you at once a copy of a telegram which we have just received from the High Commissioner for Palestine about Dr. Senczuk's visit to Palestine.

You will see that Senczuk has asked that five Polish officials whose hostility to the present Polish Government appears to be militating against the willingness of the Polish refugees to return to Poland, should be replaced by officials who would be persona grata to the Polish representatives in Palestine. It seems clear that the High Commissioner is inclined to agree that there is force in Senczuk's argument, and we ourselves feel that the policy laid down in our telegram No. 1186 of the 28th July, 1945, copies of which were sent to you, should be regarded as modified by the terms of our telegram No. 666 to the High Commissioner in which we asked him to give the most sympathetic consideration to any proposals arising out of the desire of the Polish Mission to remove all obstacles to the repatriation of refugees who themselves wish to return to Poland. We hope therefore that you and the Interim Treasury Committee will agree ~~that~~ both in the case of M. Pajak referred to in the last paragraph of the High Commissioner's telegram,

/and

D. MacKILLOP, ESQ.

and ~~to~~ with any other changes that the High Commissioner feels that he should make as a result of Dr. Senczuk's representations.

I am sending copies of this letter to Eggers and to Hancock.

Yours Sincerely

P. Baeck

10 Clear.
SAVING

SF/230/45

From the High Commissioner for Palestine.

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date 22.5.46 at 1300 hrs.

No. 733 SAVING PRIORITY SECRET.

Repeated Ambassador Cairo No. 389 Saving Reference his secret telegram No. 48.

(Please pass copies of B.M.E.O. and Commander-in-Chief)

My telegram No. 703. Visit of Polish repatriation mission.

Doctor Senczuk arrived in Palestine on 8th May and was given facilities to study repatriation of Polish refugees. He did not press for admission to schools.

2. At meetings with Chief Secretary and Government Committee on Polish affairs, Dr. Senczuk urged that Poles were unlikely to opt for repatriation so long as former officials remained responsible for welfare and educational services. He stated that in the eyes of the refugees the retention of these officials, who are hostile to the Polish Government, implied that the British authorities continued to support the former London Government and did not in fact wish to encourage repatriation. He also alleged that these former officials continued, in varying degrees, to indulge in propaganda against Polish Government.

3. Senczuk therefore asked that the following five officials should be replaced by others who would be personae gratae to Polish representatives in Palestine and so encourage the repatriation of refugees:-

PAJAK
JAROSZEWSKI
LECHOWSKI
HEROLD
RZERZYCHA

4. This request involves a question of principle. Under the instructions conveyed in your secret telegram No. 1186 of 28th July 1945, this Government was to ensure that the funds provided by His Majesty's Government were used on essential welfare work; to maintain the minimum staff necessary for such welfare work; and to enable His Majesty's Government to answer such charges as (a) that the ex-Polish Government was being enabled to carry on political activities abroad by means of funds supplied by His Majesty's Government and (b) that representative London Poles were able to use such funds for propaganda. Subject to these considerations a minimum staff of former officials were retained as employees of the Interim Treasury Committee.

5. The changes requested by Dr. Senczuk in effect involve, inter alia, the dismissal and replacement of employees of the Interim Treasury Committee on political grounds. Although the instructions of His Majesty's Government were carried out faithfully, it has of course been impossible to prevent individials from expressing their opinions. It may also be assumed that, at the best, they are passively opposed to any encouragement of repatriation. I am therefore disposed to agree with Dr. Senczuk that the retention in office of former officials of the London Government must militate to some extent against the success of efforts to influence the refugees in favour of repatriation; but to replace them on this account would involve a change in the policy laid down in your telegram of the 28th July, 1945.

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6. Evidence of adverse political activity has in fact been produced against M. Pajak, the head of the Polish Welfare Board, whose speeches as reported in the Gazeta Polska of 20th March and 5th April were violently anti-Polish Government and strongly discouraged repatriation. The Government Committee for Polish affairs have not found M. Pajak satisfactory and I consider that the speeches justify his dismissal which might at the same time, convince Polish refugees that this Government is in earnest in regard to repatriation. I therefore propose to instruct Government Committee to give M. Pajak one month's notice at earliest opportunity. I trust that Interim Treasury Committee will raise no objection. I should be grateful for confirmation to that effect by telegram as soon as possible.

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Mr. Bates

C.O.

(from Mr. I. L. Henderson)

FOREIGN OFFICE

S.W.1.

11th June, 1946

Would you please refer to your letter to MacKillop of 31st May about the visit of the Polish Repatriation Mission to Palestine.

We agree both in the case of M. Pajak and with any other changes that the High Commissioner feels that he can make as a result of Dr. Senczuk's representations.

I. L. H.
11/6

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd) Ian L. Henderson.

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S.W.1.

WR 1239/3/48

11th June, 1946.

Would you please refer to your letter to MacKillop of 31st May about the visit of the Polish Repatriation Mission to Palestine.

We agree both in the case of M. Pajak and with any other changes that the High Commissioner feels that he can make as a result of Dr. Senezuk's representations.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Ian. L. Henderson

J. D. Bates, Esq.,
Colonial Office

With the compliments of Mr. Eggen. Submit with pp's

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Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London. S. W. 1.

3rd June, 1946.

Dear Bates,

Please refer to your letter to MacMillop of 31st May.

As far as the Interim Treasury Committee is concerned we feel unable to raise any objections to the dismissal of PAJAK or any of the other Polish officials alleged unsuitable by the Palestine Government. We had hoped that U.N.R.R.A. would have taken over in Palestine by now, and we certainly do not wish to delay their assumption of responsibility by refusing to accede to their suggestions. For the same reasons we do not wish to have anything to do with the choice of successors to the dismissed officials - this should be left to the Palestine Government - nor of course can the IEC employ them, pending the transfer of responsibility to U.N.R.R.A.

On the other hand I should like to register our conviction that whilst there is no objection to dismissing officials who are an influence against repatriation, it would be most undesirable to appoint in their place officials who are personae gratae to the Warsaw Administration.

I am sending copies of this to MacMillop and Hancock.

Yours sincerely,

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J. D. Bates, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

Downing Street,
London. S. W. 1.

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Registry Number } WR1508/29/48

FROM Mr Eggers (Tel) to Mr Hancock

No. 07.91/4/10/4

Dated 3.6.46.

Received in Registry } 5.6.46.

Case of maintenance of Poles in the Lebanon. Refers to Beirut letter of 17th May (WR1402). Had believed that it was understood that U.N.R.R.A. would retain the present staff except such as they considered to be an influence against repatriation. Suggests that the matter be taken up with the Lt. R.U. of U.N.R.R.A.

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Refugee Dept view is that question, and as this arose a matter for N. Dept

Ian L. Henderson
19/6.

N. Dept

This reached me today - i.e. a month after Mr Eggers' letter was written.

It is quite impossible for me to judge whether this is a question for N. Dept or W.R Dept since the reference (a WR paper) is not attached - Would WR Dept please look into this?

I note that Mr Eggers suggests that this case should be taken up with /

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with E.R.O. If this is to be done, I hope W.R. Dept will do it. N. Dept have no contacts with Unrra & think it is much better if approaches to the Administration can be made by W.R. Dept.

T Attanasio
4. VII

Refugee Dept's views were expressed in the reply to Beirut's tel. on WR 1402/39/48. & copied to Mr Eggar.

Mr Eggar, however, still thinks that U.N.R.R.A. are freeing to judge the conditions about appointment of staff described in our official letter to Sir H. Cole of 8/3/46 on WR 609/39/48.

I cannot see that there is anything to be added to what we said to Beirut on that we did again approach U.N.R.R.A. U.N.R.R.A., if they assume responsibility for their Poles, will be doing us a favour (since it is clear most of them will be non-repatriable) and we cannot coerce U.N.R.R.A.

I doubt if U.N.R.R.A. will assume responsibility until H.M.G. have dealt with their large number among their Poles who are dependants of the Polish Armed Forces.

Ian L. Henderson
5/7.

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My first minute was written after consultation with Mr Mitchell.
I.L.H.
9/7.

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This is an unlucky paper. I don't know what has happened – I saw it for the first time to-day. In the (lamentably long) interval Mr Eggers will have seen what we replied to Beirut on 15 June (WR 1402/39/48). Can't we leave it at that? We daren't try to push UNRRA any further since they already want to back out.

Dec 7.

Northern Dept.

I agree that in the circs. we had better not approach UNRRA.

I think we had better leave this alone now.

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I.L.H.
9/7

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Tel. No. : Whitehall 1234

Your Reference (WR 1402/39/48) 54/73/46.

Treasury Reference OF.91/4/10/4

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

3rd June, 1946.

WR 1508
5 JUN 1946

Dear Hancock,

Please refer to Beirut letter of 17th May.

We are disturbed by the suggestion contained in the first paragraph of that letter. It was surely clearly understood with UNRRA that they would retain the present staff except such as they considered to be an influence against repatriation, and our reasons for insisting upon such an understanding were exactly the same as those advanced by Beirut. I think Waddington must have got hold of the wrong end of the stick. Could you perhaps take up the point with the European Regional Office of UNRRA?

/I

P.F. Hancock, Esq.,
Foreign Office.

4 JUN 1946

I am sending a copy of this to MacKellop in case it is a matter more properly dealt with by him.

Yours ever,

H. H. Eggers

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Letter from

J. Winiewicz, Polish Embassy

to Mr. MacKillop

Dated 14th June, 1946

Care and Repatriation of Polish Nationals in the Middle East.

States that he has received a letter from Sir H. Gale informing him that while UNRRA is prepared to undertake obligations concerning care and repatriation of Poles in the Middle East, arrangements with the British Government have not yet been completed.

Requests answer on this point.

Last Paper.

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(How disposed of.)

Dft) Mr Ward (UNRRA)

June. 29.

8) Tog (Mr Winnifrith) Mr Eggers

C.O. (Mr Baker)

W.O. (Mr Kay)

July 2nd

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UNRRA agreed to assume responsibility for these Poles (see WR 968/39/48) but Mr. Dudley Ward of UNRRA pointed out to me on the telephone a day or two ago the fact that many of the Poles concerned are dependants of members of the Polish armed forces now to be brought to the United Kingdom and might themselves be absorbed or resettled in British territory, largely affected the undertaking which UNRRA had given to repatriate such of them as wished to return to Poland. Before therefore giving a date on which UNRRA will assume responsibility, he preferred to wait until he learned what decision H.M.G. in the U.K. were going to take about dependants of Polish troops now bwing brought to the U.K.

Sir Humfrey Gale was probably referring to this situation when telling the Polish authorities that "arrangements with His Majesty's Government had not yet been completed".

The Polish authorities probably wished to obtain the archives to which they referred in order to secure individual records and put the screw on those whom they believed to be their political opponents by persecuting their relatives in Poland. I should have thought that we could take appropriate measures to prevent destruction of archives and leave it to UNRRA (if they assume responsibility for repatriation) to see that the Polish authorities were only given archives strictly in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 (c) of Resolution 92.

Ian L. Henderson

18th June, 1946.

Northern Dept. for obs.

I think this had better be entered N. & the reply drafted by N. Dept. The essence of the matter, as Mr Dudley Ward says in substance, is that these people are dependants of Polish second corps men & their disposal ought to be related to that of their husbands & fathers & not to that of displ's generally. It has in fact been decided that the Polish 2nd Corps & their dependants are not to be treated as refugees or dpts & they removed from Refugee Cntrs immediately pursuant thereto in st. of course

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be glad to be kept generally informed of what is done.

On the same principle any further corr^ce with UNRRA relating to the dependants in the Middle East Africa India, (also corr^ce with CO Do CO) ought to be initiated & conducted by N. Dept. Otherwise not.

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As regards the archives, we have already had a letter from M. Winiewicz on this subject & have written to the I.T.C. about it, but have had no reply (see N7075 attached). We must obtain their views before answering this point. The present letter really adds nothing to the previous one.

As regards the transfer of the camps to UNRRA, I understand that the present situation is that UNRRA have formally agreed to take them over. If they now wish to change their minds, I think Refugee Dept. are better equipped to argue or discuss with them than N. Dept, who owing to their ignorance of the UNRRA regulations avoid if possible dealing directly with them. ~~But~~ N/P It will be a long time (probably about 5-6 months) before the dependants of the P.A.F. can be brought to join their menfolk and this period would coincide conveniently with the life of UNRRA. Further H.M.G. do not want to be saddled with the inmates of the camps who are not dependants of the P.A.F. We therefore have good reasons for getting UNRRA to fulfil their commitments.

I suggest that Refugee Dept should reply to M Winiewicz as in Mr McKillop's draft, but omitting the words in pencilled brackets, & add at the end that the point about archives is already being dealt with in connection with his letter S.0.13 of the 24th May & that we will reply as soon as possible. J.P.L. Thomson 22/6.

Dft/ Monsieur Wyszewicz (Polish Amb).
June 29.

D/H M. Dudley Ward, W.N.R.R.A. (from Mr C. J. Edmonds)
Aug: 1944.

8/Tsy (mo Wainwright)
" (mo. Baggallay)
C.O. (mo. Baker)
N.D. (mr Key).
Aug. 1944

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in principle. See below.

I agree.

Unra have undertaken to accept these refugee camps. It would be an awful blow if they were to go back on this undertaking. The Treasury are full of gloom at the prospect of having to go on finding the money if Unra fail us. I do hope, therefore, that the strongest pressure will be put on Unra to take over. If they will not take over, they must let us know at once and in writing.

So long as Unra are in the picture, I hope that Refugee Dept will go on dealing with them. Northern Dept do not ordinarily deal with Unra and, as Mr de Wesselow points out, are not qualified to do so.

P. Hancock
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I agree with Mr. Hancock. I am not sure that the majority of refugees in the Middle East and Africa are dependents of members of the Polish armed forces ~~and~~ (maybe just a majority) & in any/

in any case I see no reason why U.N.R.R.A. should not takeon the responsibility as we have agreed. It would be in every way better for them to do so. I do not quite understand why U.N.R.R.A. have not already taken over as I thought it had been agreed last March that they would do so. Can Refugee Department not very kindly bring them up to it and arrange this as soon as possible? Then this problem at least will be off our plate.

Because, if they are dependants of the Polish soldiers, they are not repatriable & cannot be UNRRA's concern.

I cannot see that if U.N.R.R.A. administer the camps it will make any difference to certain of the refugees, who are dependents, going to the same destinations as their menfolk; but I understand that U.N.R.R.A. will not arrange transport except for repatriation. This seems clear enough as a working arrangement.

R M A Hankey.

26th June, 1946.

I am sorry, but I must maintain my view. UNRRA agreed in principle to take over this responsibility: but subsequently HMG announced that in effect they felt a special sense of responsibility towards certain Polish armed forces and their dependants and were making special arrangements about them. These arrangements are entirely N. Dept's concern as regards the F.O. & Refugee Dept do not know (& have no need to know) what they are except very generally. But we do know that the dependants enter into the arrangements.

Moreover, as N. Dept have been aware throughout, UNRRA were to assume responsibility pending repatriation: they could not act on any other assumption, & it was in order to help us that they made the assumption that (theoretically at least) all these people were repatriable. Now they cannot fail to know that they are not repatriable since it is public knowledge that their harbours, & ultimately they, are going to some foreign country other than Poland, under our auspices, or remaining in UK. This of course lets UNRRA out, as I have explained in Paragraph 2 occasion in the past. The collapse of K. Szeszjak's repatriation mission is a connected matter.

Thus any discussion with (1) M. Winiewicz (2) with UNRRA had better be related (1) to the general background of relations with Poland (2) to the question of the disposal of the Polish

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Soldiers & their dependants.

Nevertheless I do not want to give the impression of running away from a difficult question & I submit a draft which assumes that we can still go on talking to UNRRA on the old basis, before it was fundamentally changed by the S. of S's declaration about the Polish 2nd Corps & we can see what happens.

J Macktillop 27/6

Dft initialled for issue
I. L. H.
28/6

Remit to Mr Dudley Ward
Ian L. Henderson
9/8

Issue
PLG 10/8

UNRRA have now replied and we have accepted their terms.
See WR 2191 & WR 2363

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TELEPHONE: LANGHAM 4324 (6 LINES)

POLISH EMBASSY.

47, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1

WR 1597

14th June 1946

JW/MK
No. Rp-169

Dear Mr. MacKillop

When I lastly had the opportunity to discuss with you over the telephone the problem of care and repatriation of Polish nationals in the Middle East, you were kind enough to indicate that an agreement has been reached between the British Government and the UNRRA Administration. According to this agreement as I understood from your remarks, UNRRA was supposed to take over the care and repatriation of Polish nationals in the Middle East in a very short time. However, I received to-day a letter signed by Sir Humphrey Gale informing me that while the Administration of UNRRA is prepared to undertake obligations concerning the care and repatriation of Poles in the Middle East, arrangements with the British Government have not yet been completed.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could kindly give me an answer concerning this point as we are very eager to have this problem settled with UNRRA.

The second question on which I should like to have your opinion is the problem of records of Polish displaced persons in the Middle East. The UNRRA Administration promised us that they would make available for the Polish Repatriation Mission in Cairo all records falling within the category of information

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Douglas MacKillop, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

called for under Resolution 92. We would also like to have earlier records which were in the possession of the representatives in the Middle East of the former Polish Government. I fear that amongst Polish emigré circles in the Middle East prevails the intention to destroy all archives connected with the question of Polish nationals in the Middle East. We naturally would like to have this prevented as the loss of those archives could have an unfavourable influence on the process of repatriation and impede it considerably.

I would be very much obliged if you could give me your answer as soon as possible as I am instructed by my Government to speed up all problems connected with Polish nationals in the Middle East.

Yours sincerely

J. Winiewicz

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D.M.

Draft,
Mr. Dudley Ward,
U.N.R.R.A.

Thanks.
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Northern Dept. first
(with second d/f below)

Mr Sherwood to see
a. a.

27/6

Copy Treasury {Mr Winnifrith
Mr Eggers
C.O. (Mr Baker)
W.O. (Mr Key)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

June, 1946.

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U.N.R.R.A. Responsibility for Poles in the Middle East.

Dear Dudley Ward

You will recall that, while E.R.O. U.N.R.R.A. have been good enough to intimate to us the readiness of U.N.R.R.A. to accept responsibility in principle, you have not yet informed us of the definite date from which you will make that responsibility operative.

In this connection the Polish Embassy inform us that they have recently received a letter signed by Sir Humfrey Gale informing them that while the Administration of U.N.R.R.A. is prepared to undertake obligations concerning the care and repatriation of Poles in the Middle East, arrangements with the British Govt. have not yet been completed.

I should like to put to you the point that we have really done everything which actually depends on us: we have asked you to accept responsibility, you have agreed in principle, and we have asked you to make your agreement definitive and operative as soon as possible. We appreciate that one of the prerequisites is an approach to you by the Lebanon Govt. and we did not fail to ~~approach~~ make representations to them with this end in view: ~~this~~ they made their approach to you dependent on a condition which we have now met, and ~~so far~~ as we are able to make it so, the way is clear for them to ~~make their~~ approach ~~to~~ you.

As regards India, we did not fail to make the Govt. of India aware of the necessity of making

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a formal approach to U.N.R.R.A. We do not know precisely what has passed but in any case we have arranged for the Chief Refugee Officer of the Government of India to discuss various aspects of this question with you on 28th June: we hope, therefore, that you will feel able to agree that on this point also we have done everything which really depended on us.

I do most earnestly hope therefore that you will feel able at an early date to inform us and the Polish Provisional Govt. that your acceptance of responsibility for their nationals in the Middle East is being made definitive from some specified date.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) MacKillop.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

(WR 1597/39/48)

29th June, 1946.

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F. Dudley Ward, Esq., C.B.E.,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sd) D. Mackillop

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WINIEWICZ

M. Winiewicz

Mr Mackillop to sign

N. Dept first

See minute

N. Dept again (to see amended draft + draft to UNRRA)

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Whenever the case comes as the present question has been re-examined in their light ~~from~~ one of my colleagues in the F.O. or I will not fail to write to you

a.p.

Dear Monsieur Winiewicz

Thank you very much for your letter JW/MK No. Rf-169 of 14th June which reached the Foreign Office during my absence in Paris.

~~I hasten to inform you that~~

The question of those Polish nationals in the Middle East & other regions which Mr. Sercjuk had arranged to visit now needs to be ~~co~~ reconsidered in the light of the recent decision concerning the personnel of the former 2nd Polish Corps, since a great many of your compatriots in the areas in question are dependents on the soldiers of the 2nd Corps. ~~[The question is thus removed from the immediate scope of the Refugees Dept of the F.O. & a reply will be sent to you by another Dept. when consideration has been completed.]~~

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. Mackillop

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S.W.1.

(WR 1597/39/48)

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As soon as the present question has been re-examined in that light, one of my colleagues in the Foreign Office or I, will not fail to write to you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd)
(D. MacKillop)

Monsieur Jozef Winiewicz,
Polish Embassy,
47, Portland Place,
W.1.

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Draft.

Mr. Dudley Ward,
U.N.R.R.A.

(from Mr. C.J. Edmonds)

Northern Dept.
Finance Dept. } a.a.

Copies:

Treasury - Mr Winnifrith
Mr Eggers
C.O. - Mr Bates
W.O. - Mr. Key

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

19th August, 1946.

Dear Dudley Ward,

We should be very grateful if we might now have a reply to MacKillop's letter to you under the above reference number of 29th June about U.N.R.R.A. responsibility for Poles in the Middle East. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) C.J. Edmonds

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

19th August, 1946.

(WR.1597/39/48).

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Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. J. Edmonds

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F. Dudley Ward, Esq., C.B.E.,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
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4 JUL 1946

Registry Number } WR1740/39/48

FROM Mr Baker (C.O.)

No. to Mr Henderson 6/14823/2/46

Dated

Received in Registry } 3.7.46. 4.7.46.

Visit of Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East.

Refers to my U. letter of 11th June (WR1239) + encloses draft of a saving tel. which it is proposed to send to the H.C. for Palestine. Wishes to know by telephone whether F.O. agree. Copied to Egypt (Tay) for concurrence.

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ring up in morning for WR1239.

I spoke to Mr Baker. I don't like the first part of the second para. & he will alter it if Mr Eggers can be induced to concur.

N. Dept. agree.

I hope we can get Mr Eggers to concur in whatever goes off (Tho' this is for the C.O. to do really). There has been rather a fuss about this business, notably from Ct. Raczynski etc.

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See with C.O. tel. to Palestine 591 of 6/6

" " 618(S) of 8/7

Plain re-submit with ref. (Palestine Saving Telegram No 777 to C.O.)

L.L.H.

27/7

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

3rd. July. 1946

6/14823/D/46

WR 1740

Dear Henderson,

I will be grateful if you will have a look at this draft of a saving telegram which we were proposing to send to the High Commissioner for Palestine in answer to his saving telegram No. 733 of the 22nd May and if you would let me know as soon as you can by telephone whether you agree with it. Your letter No. WR.1239/3/48 of the 11th June, refers.

I am also sending a copy of this letter and of the draft to Eggers with reference to his letter OS.94/4/15 of the 3rd June and would also be grateful for his concurrence.

Yours Sincerely

B. Gaitskell

I.L. HENDERSON, ESQ.

4 JUL 1946

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Bates

SAVING TELEGRAM No.....

HIGH COMMISSIONER,
PALESTINE.

Your saving telegram No. 733 of 22nd May, 1946.

Visit of Polish Repatriation Mission.

If you are satisfied that persons referred to in third paragraph of your saving telegram ~~or any other officials~~ can reasonably be regarded as obstacles to the repatriation of Polish refugees it is considered that they should at your discretion be removed from their official position, and the Interim Treasury Committee would not in the circumstances wish to raise any objection in ~~these~~ such cases.

The Interim Treasury Committee do not however feel able to employ in their places persons who would be persona gratae to the Polish representative in Palestine, and it is suggested therefore that the appointment of successors to the persons concerned should be deferred until U.N.R.R.A. assumes responsibility for the Polish refugees in Overseas territories.

It is not yet possible to indicate exactly when U.N.R.R.A. will assume this responsibility but it is hoped that it will not now be long delayed. Meanwhile

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you should know that arrangements are being considered to enable the families of Members of the Polish armed forces to join their menfolk either in the United Kingdom or in whatever country homes for them may be found. In this connection it will be helpful

Put with Pps.

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A.Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 6th June, 1946. 14.45 hrs.

No. 991

Visit of Polish Repatriation Mission.

No objection to proposal in paragraph 6 repeat 6 of your saving telegram No. 733.

Further communication follows by air mail.

Copies sent to:-

Treasury - Mr. H.H. Eggers.
Foreign Office - Mr. D. MacKillop.

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PRIORITY

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the High Commissioner for PALESTINE.

Date 8th July, 1946.

No.618 Saving. Secret.

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Visit of Polish Repatriation Mission.

If you are satisfied that persons referred to in third paragraph of your saving telegram can reasonably be regarded as obstacles to the repatriation of Polish refugees it is considered that they should at your discretion be removed from their official position, and the Interim Treasury Committee would not in the circumstances wish to raise any objection in such cases.

The Interim Treasury Committee do not wish to be consulted in regard to appointment of successors to persons concerned but it is suggested that this should be deferred as far as possible until U.N.R.R.A. assumes responsibility for the Polish refugees in Overseas territories.

It is not yet possible to indicate exactly when U.N.R.R.A. will assume this responsibility but it is hoped that it will not now be long delayed. Meanwhile you should know that arrangements are being considered to enable the families of Members of the Polish armed forces to join their menfolk either in the United Kingdom or in whatever country homes for them may be found.

SECRET.

Copies sent to:-

Treasury - Mr. H.H. Eggers.
Foreign Office - Mr. D. Mackillop.

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Registry Number: WR1772/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM: Mr Shone

No. 619 Beirut

Dated: 4.7.46.

Received in Registry: 6.7.46.

Polish refugees in the Lebanon

Refers to F.O. tel. no 484 (WR1303). Gives text of amendments which after further study the Lebanese M.F.A. would like to make to the final para. of their note. Requests urgently authority to exchange notes in these terms. Although the drafts have been approved by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs they must still be submitted to the Council of the President of the Republic, who are not expected to wish to modify them.

Last Paper.

WR1740

References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

8) Tsy (Mr Eggers)

July 8

Tel/Beirut no 329

July 10

8) Tsy (Mr Eggers)

July 12th.

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WR1402 - sent to dept 5/7

H/ Hancock 6/7.

Copy Tsy (Mr Eggers)

Q. No objection to giving the required authority.

Ian L. Henderson

8/7

Northern Dept

No objection - but I think we should square Mr Eggers.

CFU

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Mr. Eggers (Treasury) agrees, provided that the phrase in paragraph 1 reads "in the same conditions as UNRRA" instead of "in the same conditions as before". He is anxious that HMG should not be expected to raise the subsistance level of Polish refugees in the Lebanon in the event of the British authorities having to care for them once more on the demise of UNRRA.

Ian L. Henderson

9th July, 1946

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Northern Dept again

Tel. sent.

I.L.H.

10/7

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Shone
No. 619
4th July, 1946.

D. 7.56 a.m. 5th July, 1946.
R. 10. a.m. 5th July, 1946.

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WR 1303/39/48

Your telegram No. 484.

After further study the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to amend the final paragraph of their note as follows:

" - - if His Majesty's Government were to give to the Lebanese Government guarantee that in the event of U.N.R.R.A. for any reason ceasing their activities, or no longer providing fully for the maintenance of Polish refugees within the terms of His Majesty's Government's undertakings referred to, the latter would resume charge of the Polish refugees in Lebanon in the same conditions as before." The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that refugees receive as satisfactory treatment as at present.

2. To guard against the possibility of the Lebanese Government using the dissolution of U.N.R.R.A. as pretext for invoking this guarantee I have obtained the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' agreement to the inclusion in my draft reply of the following clause: "Provided no international organization similar to U.N.R.R.A. and acceptable to the Lebanese had been set up to take care of such displaced persons as the Polish refugees in Lebanon".

3. May I have urgently authority to exchange notes in these terms? Although the drafts have been approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs they must still be submitted to the Cabinet and the President of the Republic, who however are not expected to wish to modify them.

O.T.P.

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WR 1772/39/48

I.L.H.

Draft.

H.M. Minister,
Beirut

Telegram.
No 529

Cypher. July 10th

Northern Dept.
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Copy to Treasury
(Mr. Eggers)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

July, 1946

OUT FILE

Despatched 3.45 p.m. 10/7

Your telegram No. 619 of 4th July [Polish refugees in the Lebanon].

You are authorised to exchange notes on the terms proposed, save that final words of final paragraph of Lebanese note should read "in the same conditions as UNRRA" instead of "in the same conditions as before".

I.L.H.
10/7

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WR 1772/39/48

[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BEIRUT

No. 529. D. 5.45 p.m. 10th July 1946.

10th July 1946.

I I I I

Your telegram No. 619 of 4th July [Polish refugees in the Lebanon].

You are authorised to exchange notes on the terms proposed, save the final words of final paragraph of Lebanese note should read "in the same conditions as UNRRA" instead of "in the same conditions as before".

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Registry Number } WR 1843/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. Shone, Beirut

No. 641

Dated 13 July 1946

Received in Registry } 15

British Refugees - The Lebanon.

Refers to Foreign Tel. no. 529 (WR 1772) states that Ministry of Foreign Affairs will not accept proposed amendment, and that he has accepted agreement to suppress phrase "The same conditions as before" altogether, and proposes to exchange notes in these terms (letter follows) pending Foreign Office view to contrary before definite approval of Lebanese Government is obtained.

Last Paper.

(WR 1772)

References.

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(How disposed of.)

Tel: Beirut 554 July 18

& Mr Eggers Tny July 22nd

minuted tel.

& Mr Eggers Tny July 16

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WR 1522

(Minutes.)

Copy Tny (Mr Eggers)

Q. Comp omitted in 1st instance: after view "that H.M.G. is".

I think this is all right.

I. L. H.
15/7

N. Dept. for any obs

O.K. by us - we shd try to get Mr Eggers to agree -

CM
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Mr Eggers agrees.

Dft. t.e. to Beirut.

I.L.H.
18/7.

see with amended copy of Beirut tel. no. 641

I.L.H.
23/7

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[CYPHER]. DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

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FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Shone.
No. 641.
13th July 1946.

D. 6.55 p.m. 13th July 1946.
R. 9.35 p.m. 13th July 1946.

W:W:W:W:W

IMPORTANT.

Your telegram No.529. WR 1772/39/48.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs who hold the view committed to maintain Polish refugees as long as they remain in the Lebanon (see my telegram No.426) will not accept amendment you propose as they naturally prefer conditions, in which (in their view) His Majesty's Government maintain the Poles at present, to the ones which U.N.R.R.A. may agree, which are at present hypothetical and may not be so satisfactory to them. After considerable discussion they have however agreed, subject to approval of Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cabinet, to suppress the phrase "in the same conditions as before" altogether. I have already accepted this and unless I hear from you to the contrary by the time definite approval of Lebanese Government is obtained (probably about July 18th) I propose to exchange notes in these terms.

O.T.P.

15 JUL 1946
REGISTRY

See amended copy below

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AMENDED COPY

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[CYPHER]

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Shone
No. 641.

D. 6.55 p.m. 13th July 1946.

R. 9.35 p.m. 13th July 1946.

13th July 1946.

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IMPORTANT

Your telegram No. 529.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs who hold the view *that we are at present* committed to maintain Polish refugees as long as they remain in the Lebanon (see my telegram No. 426) will not accept amendment you propose as they naturally prefer conditions, in which (in their view) His Majesty's Government maintain the Poles at present, to the ones which U.N.R.R.A. may agree, which are at present hypothetical and may not be so satisfactory to them. After considerable discussion they have however agreed, subject to approval of Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cabinet, to suppress the phrase "in the same conditions as before" altogether. I have already accepted this and unless I hear from you to the contrary by the time definite approval of Lebanese Government

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Government is obtained (probably about July 18th). I propose to exchange notes in these terms.

(OTP)

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WR 1843/39/48

I.L.H.

Draft.

H.M.Minister,
Beirut.

Telegram.
No: 554

Cypher

18.7.46

Departmental No.1

Northern Dept

Copy to Treasury,
Mr. Eggers.

Foreign Office, S.W.1.

Despatched 11-15 A M. 19/7

Your telegram 641 [of 13th July: Poles in the Lebanon].

I agree that phrase in question should be suppressed.

2. For your own information, there is grave danger that, if UNRRA do not receive a formal request from the Lebanese Government within the very near future, they may jettison their whole undertaking to repatriate Poles from the Middle East. Please therefore do your best to expedite despatch by the Lebanese Government of a formal request to UNRRA.

I.L.H.

18/7

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(W.R. 1843/39/48)

[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BEIRUT

No. 554
18th July, 1946

D. 11.15 a.m. 19th July, 1946

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Your telegram No. 641 [of 13th July: Poles in the Lebanon].

I agree that phrase in question should be suppressed.

2. For your own information, there is grave danger that, if UNRRA do not receive a formal request from the Lebanese Government in the very near future, they may jettison their whole undertaking to repatriate Poles from the Middle East. Please therefore do your best to expedite despatch by the Lebanese Government of a formal request to UNRRA.

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WR 1922
20 JUL 1946

Registry Number: WR1522/35/48

FROM: Colonial Office comm'd

No. 6/14823/D

Dated: 17: July

Received in Registry: 20: July

Polish Refugees in Palestine and East Africa.

Transmits copy of letter from Mr. Bates to Mr. Hancock of 17: July requesting that he be informed of present position with regard to future

[Copied to Macillop, Eggers, Brig. Davey]

Last Paper.

WR1843

References.

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I. L. L. Henderson
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I. L. H.
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Mr. I. L. Henderson

Colonial Office Reference No. 61453/1

With the compliments of U.S.S.

Date 14.4.46.

Reference

WR 1922
20 JUL 1948

Downing Street,

S.W.1.

14th July, 1946.

My Dear Hancock.

You will remember that I spoke to you some days ago about various questions arising out of the presence of large numbersof Polish refugees in Palestine and East Africa. As a result of what you told me over the telephone, plus other information I have obtained from a discussion with MacKillop and ~~from~~ Eggers, we have been able to write semi-officially to give the Colonial Governments concerned an indication of what is likely to happen in the way of joining those refugees who are relatives of members of the Polish armed forces with their menfolk, and some more information about the prospects of UNRRA taking over responsibility for the maintenance and repatriation of these refugees, and about what is happening to the Polish Government Repatriation Mission which is at present in Cairo.

We should naturally very much like to be able to give the Governors concerned some official information on these points, and I should be grateful therefore if you could let us have ~~officially~~ a note of the present position. It would be most useful if this could include an indication of what exactly the term "relatives of members of the Polish armed forces" will cover in order that the Colonial Governments can give the refugees themselves an idea of what is going to happen and of how many people it is likely to affect.

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T.S. HANCOCK, ESQ.

19 JUL 1946

I am sending copies of this letter to MacKillop, Eggers and Brigadier Davey.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sgd.) J.D. Bates.

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Registry Number: WR1942/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM: Mr. Shone, Beirut

No. 656

Dated: 20th July

Received in Registry: 22nd

Polish Refugees in the Lebanon

Refers to F.O. tel. no. 5824 (WR 1843)

Statistical tables have now been exchanged and M.F.A. promises to telegraph appropriate instructions to London forthwith.

Last Paper.

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References.

(Print.)

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F.O. / Mr. Eggers (Tny) 26 July 46.

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Copy Tny (Mr. Eggers).

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Shone
No. 656
20th July, 1946

D: 1.35 p.m. 20th July, 1946

R: 3.40 p.m. 20th July, 1946

WR 1843/35/48

Your telegram No. 554.

Notes have now been exchanged and Ministry of Foreign Affairs promise to telegraph appropriate instructions to Londonforthwith.

O.T.P.

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Mr. Shone,
Beirut
no. 127
D. 15th July
R. 31st

Polish Refugees & the Lebanon.
Refers to Beirut tel. no. 641 (WR1843)
Transmits copy of note from Lebanese
M.F.A. of 16th July and H.M. Legation's
reply, no. 237 of 18th July, on subject
of provision of financial support for
Poles in the Lebanon, and British
assurance in regard to this.

Last Paper.

WR1942

References.

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(How disposed of.)

30 copies of letter to the Lebanese Gov. to:
Mr A Allen.
Treasury, 21 FEB 1950
(at request of Mr Williamson Refugee Dept)

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(Minutes.)

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No. 127 (18/91/46)

HIS Majesty's Minister at Beirut presents his compliments to H.M. P.S. of S. for F.A. and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Legation,
BEIRUT.

WR 2054
31 JUL 1946

19th July, 1946.

WR 843

Reference to previous correspondence:
Beirut Tel: No. 641 of 13.7.46.

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note No. 239 to Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 19.7.46.	Provision of financial support for Poles in Lebanon & British assurance in regard thereto.

BRITISH LEGATION BEIRUT

No. 127 (18/9/1/46)

HIS Majesty's Minister at Beirut
presents his compliments to H.M. P.S. of S. for F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British Legation,
BEIRUT.

19th July 1946.

Reference to previous correspondence:
Beirut Tel: No. 641 of 13.7.46.

Description of Enclosures.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Note No. 239 to Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 19.7.46.	Provision of financial support for Tres in Lebanon & British assurance in regard thereto.

BRITISH LEGATION BEIRUT

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British Legation,

BEIRUT.

No. 239
(18/91/46)

19th July 1946.

His Majesty's Legation present their compliments to the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to refer to the Ministry's Note No. 2216/S of the 16th July regarding the provision of financial support for the care of the Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

2. His Majesty's Legation have now received the authority of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to furnish herewith an assurance that in the event of U.N.R.R.A. for any reason ceasing their activities or no longer providing fully for the maintenance of the Polish refugees within the terms of His Majesty's Government's undertakings referred to, the latter would resume charge of the Polish refugees in the Lebanon provided that no international organisation similar to U.N.R.R.A. and acceptable to the Lebanese Government had been set up to take care of such displaced persons as the Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

3. His Majesty's Legation accordingly hope that urgent instructions will be sent to Monsieur Camille Chamoun to approach the European Regional Office of U.N.R.R.A. in London on the lines described in the Legation's Note of the 3rd April, in order that U.N.R.R.A. may be in a position to relieve His Majesty's Government of their present heavy financial burden as early as possible.

His Majesty's Legation avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

B E I R U T.

COPY.

REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE

Ministère
des Affaires Etrangères.

Section Politique

No. 2216/S

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères présente ses compliments à la Légation de Sa Majesté Britannique et, se référant à la note que la Légation lui a adressé le 3 Avril dernier sous le No. 122, a l'Honneur de lui faire connaître ce qui suit :

1. Les réfugiés polonais actuellement au Liban ont été admis sur l'assurance donnée par la Légation, à la date du 13 Juillet 1945, par note No. 120, que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique fournirait "l'appui financier nécessaire à la subsistance de ces réfugiés."

Cette assurance a été répétée à diverses reprises par la Légation, soit verbalement, soit par écrit, notamment le 8 Octobre 1945 lorsque par note No. 180, le Ministère a été informé de ce que "la dissolution du B.C.C.L. n'avait en aucune manière affecté la garantie du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté".

Le régime institué sur ces bases a jusqu'ici fonctionné, et fonctionne encore, à la satisfaction du Gouvernement libanais dont le budget n'est nullement grevé par l'existence sur son territoire des réfugiés en question.

Il ressort de ce qui précéde que c'est la garantie financière du Gouvernement britannique, maintes fois affirmée, et en fait rendue concrète par l'assistance matérielle régulière aux Polonais, qui a déterminé le Gouvernement libanais à permettre l'installation provisoire de ces derniers.

2.- Le Gouvernement Libanais n'envisagerait pas avec la même sécurité la substitution de l'U.N.R.R.A. au Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique dans la prise en charge des Polonais se trouvant actuellement au Liban.

Des informations officieuses réçues jusqu'à ce jour, il résulte en effet que les activités de l'U.N.R.R.A. sur les difficultés financières de laquelle l'attention a fréquemment été appelée, doivent cesser fin 1946 en Europe, et dans le courant de 1947 en Extrême-Orient.

Le Gouvernement libanais, néanmoins, tenant compte des charges que les réfugiés polonais font peser sur le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique, serait disposé à demander à l'U.N.R.R.A. de pourvoir à l'entretien de ces réfugiés, si le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique voulait bien lui fournir la garantie que, dans le cas où l'U.N.R.R.A. cesserait ses activités pour une raison quelconque ou n'assumerait plus d'une façon intégrale l'entretien des réfugiés polonais dans les termes des engagements susvisés du Gouvernement britannique, ce dernier prendrait de nouveau à sa charge, l'entretien des réfugiés polonais se trouvant au Liban.

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à la Légation de Sa Majesté Britannique les assurances de sa haute considération.

Légation de Sa Majesté Britannique. Beyrouth le 16 juillet 194

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Lebanese Minister
D.2:
R. 7: aug.

Polish Refugees in the Lebanon.

Discusses question of maintenance of above by UNRRA

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References.

(Print.)

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Dft). The Lebanese Minister.
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8). Treasury – Mr Eggers
C.O. – Mr. Bates
I.O. – Mr. Gilchrist
D.O. Mr. Hansen.
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(WR2323)

(*Minutes.*)

H.M.G. asked U.N.R.R.A. to assume responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, Africa and India on 21st September, 1945. (See WR2646/470/48) After some discussion of conditions U.N.R.R.A. replied on 10th December, 1945 that they would accept this responsibility (See WR3693/470/48).

I submit all we need do is to tell the Lebanese Minister this and to say that H.M.G. consider themselves thereby to be automatically associated with the Lebanese request to U.N.R.R.A.

We might add that we are most anxious that this matter should be expedited and would therefore be very grateful if the Lebanese authorities could make a formal request to U.N.R.R.A. in the near future.

Ian L. Henderson
8th August, 1946.

Northern Dept. agree entirely
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Ian L. Henderson
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LEBANESE LEGATION
LONDON.

Cowley Street,
Westminster,
S.W.1.

2nd August, 1946.

No. 2129
7 AUG 1946

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that the Lebanese Government some time ago authorised the admission to the Lebanon of 5000 Polish Refugees who do not wish, under existing conditions, to return to Poland.

As you are aware, the maintenance of these Refugees has up to the present time been the responsibility of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. It appears that His Majesty's Government now wish the onus of these Refugees to be transferred to UNRRA. The Lebanese Government have concurred with the point of view of His Majesty's Government, on the express condition that, should UNRRA at any time cease its activities or be unable to meet the cost of maintenance of the Polish Refugees in question, His Majesty's Government would again take upon themselves this responsibility. His Majesty's Government have agreed to this proposal, providing that they are left free to substitute for UNRRA an analogous International Organisation equipped to provide the maintenance of these Refugees, such as would be acceptable to the Lebanese Government.

In these circumstances, I should be glad to know whether His Majesty's Government wish to associate themselves with this Legation in the approach to be made to UNRRA for the maintenance of the Polish Refugees in the Lebanon.

I have the honour to be, Sir, with the highest consideration,

Your obedient Servant,

Camille Chamoun.
Minister Plenipotentiary.

H.M. Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, London.

3 AUG 1946

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

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21 August, 1946

Draft.

The Lebanese Minister

Your Excellency,

With reference to your note of 2nd August regarding Polish refugees in the Lebanon, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Govt. in the United Kingdom asked U.N.R.R.A. to assume responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, Africa and India on the 21st September, 1945, and that U.N.R.R.A replied on the 10th December, 1945, that they would accept this responsibility. Later, however, U.N.R.R.A. added that they could not assume this responsibility unless the Lebanese Govt. were formally to request them to do so.

2. In these circumstances, His Majesty's Govt. in the United Kingdom consider themselves to be automatically associated with the proposed Lebanese request to U.N.R.R.A.

3. His Majesty's Govt. are most anxious that this matter should be expedited /

Northern Dept. a.a.

Copy correspdce.

Treasury - Mr. Eggers
C.O. - Mr. Bates
I.O. - Mr Gilchrist
D.O. - Mr Hansen

expedited and would therefore be very grateful if the Lebanese authorities could make a formal request to U.N.R.R.A. in the near future.

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(Sgd) C.J. Edwards

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

No. WR 2138/39/48.

21st August, 1948.

Your Excellency,

With reference to your note of the 2nd August regarding Polish refugees in the Lebanon, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom asked U.N.R.R.A. to assume responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, Africa and India on the 21st September, 1945, and that U.N.R.R.A. replied on the 10th December, 1945, that they would accept this responsibility. Later, however, U.N.R.R.A. added that they could not assume this responsibility unless the Lebanese Government were formally to request them to do so.

2. In these circumstances, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom consider themselves to be automatically associated with the proposed Lebanese request to U.N.R.R.A.

3. His Majesty's Government are most anxious that this matter should be expedited and would therefore be very grateful if the Lebanese authorities could make a formal request to U.N.R.R.A. in the near future.

I have the honour to be with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd) C. J. Edmonds.

His Excellency
Monsieur Camille Chamoun,
Lebanese Legation,
Cosley Street,
S.W.1.

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U.N.R.R.A.

7
13 August, 1946.

U.N.R.R.A Acceptance of financial responsibility for Polish Refugees in the Middle East, E. Africa & India

Confirm that U.N.R.R.A will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern & Southern Rhodesia, as from 1st August, 1946 under conditions as stated. With regard to Polish refugees in the Lebanon state that U.N.R.R.A will assume a similar responsibility for these on receiving an official request from the Govt. of the Lebanon.

Last Paper.

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References.

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8) Mr Gilchrist, I.O.
Mr Bailey, C.O.
Mr Macleod, D.O.
Aug. 21/21

Dft) Sir H. Gale (UNRRA)
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8) Mr Henderson (DO)
Mr Eggar (Treas)
Mr Gilchrist (I.O.)
Mr Bailey (C.O.)
Aug 21st
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Copy { I.O. (Mr Gilchrist)
C.O. (Mr Bailey)
D.O. (Mr Macleod)
Treas (Mr Eggar)

unlikely to be submit.

Laurence Houlden
19/8

This reg reached Dept. on 19/8/46

It is now over 11 months since we first called U.N.R.R.A. to assume responsibility for repatriating these Poles.

We may not like some of their conditions (e.g. 3 or 9) but if we do not acquiesce we shall never get anything done.

Laurence Houlden
22/8

Northern Finance } Dept. for any obs.

I entirely agree with Mr Henderson. Mr Bailey would

28888 F.O.P.

Ward told me yesterday that the only thing Unrra were now waiting for was a reply to this letter. I do hope we can reply soon, accepting. These refugees are costing us an awful lot of money every day.

~~Some~~ Condition 1. is most satisfactory from N. Dept's point of view.

We do not quarrel with conditions 3 or 9.

The only condition I don't like is no 10. We must accept it, I fear; but I suggest that after we have done so, Refugee Dept might perhaps study the possibilities of HMG evading the resumption of this responsibility, which (we should hope) might be taken on by some international agency on Unrra's demise.

N. Dept. would like to know what Refugee Dept think about /

Addition Circ.

A) Mr Eggar (Treas) from Mr Henderson Aug 30

B) Consider

C.O. (Mr Bates)

D.O. (Mr Hanson)

I.O. (Mr Gilchrist)

Aug 31st

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS PAGE.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

about this in due course. But let's get a reply off first!

P Hancock
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The F.O. has been directly responsible for the maintenance of the so-called "Cyprus" group of Polish refugees in N. Rhodesia. The cost is probably about £25,000 p.a. Treasury agreement should be obtained before ~~the~~ the U.N.R.R.A. terms are formally accepted.

H.W. Marshall
23/8.

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Condition 10. This rule will now, on the demise of U.N.R.R.A., fall to be dealt with under U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution on D.P.'s, passed at Geneva on 16/8/46. Under the terms of this Resolution, H.M.G. shd. be responsible, ever since

respsible/

putting the following alternative to U.N.R.R.A.:-

"That, on the termination of U.N.R.R.A's functions or on the exhaustion of the £1,700,000 referred to in para 5 above, whichever first occurs, responsibility for any of their refugees not yet repatriated will fall to be dealt with under the terms of U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution No. ..... of 16/8/46."

Trg. Hd. concur in our reply.

Dfts.

Wilmot 26/8

Ian. H. Henderson

24/8

Northern & Finance Depts. concur in our proposed reply, subject to the modifications I have noted & dft to Trg can now issue.

I.L.H.

26/8

Mr Eggar (Trg) & Mr Wigglesworth concur in our dft to U.N.R.R.A. which Hd. issue at once

I.L.H.

30/8.

Now see WR 2363

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Fifth Council Session,
League Palace,
Geneva, Switzerland.

WR 2171

The Under-Secretary of State,
The Foreign Office,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Sir,

Further to previous correspondence concerning financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, East Africa and India, this letter will confirm the arrangement by which UNRRA will accept this responsibility in respect of those refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia as from 1st August 1946 under the conditions set out below. It is, of course, understood that this arrangement can continue only so long as displaced persons operations are authorised by the UNRRA Council and while funds remain available for carrying out such operations. The budget allocation which the Administration has felt itself able to make for this purpose can in no circumstances exceed a total of £1,700,000. It is at present not possible for the Administration to undertake to continue its operations beyond 31st December 1946.

The conditions are as follows:-

1. that the actual administrative work involved in the operation of the refugee camps and the carrying out of other measures for the care of these refugees will continue to be performed by the authorities now carrying out such work,

2. that the staff engaged in the care and maintenance of these refugees will operate under the general supervision and direction of UNRRA. Appropriate administrative authorities in each area will ensure that directions given by authorised representatives of UNRRA concerning the care of these refugees will be carried out and they will issue the necessary orders and instructions for that purpose.

3. that the suitability of all staff employed or engaged in such care and maintenance will be subject to review by UNRRA and any staff found unsatisfactory by UNRRA will be removed by the appropriate administrative authority upon request.

4. that H.M.G. will arrange for the admission of duly authorised representatives of the provisional Government of Poland to the areas where these refugees are located and will in that and other respects assist the Administration in its carrying out of UNRRA Council Resolution No. 92 and any other Resolutions adopted or to be adopted by the UNRRA Council.

5. that UNRRA's financial responsibility for this operation, including the cost both of repatriation and of care and maintenance, shall be limited to a total sum of £1,700,000.

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6. that out of this sum, less the cost of repatriation and of any administrative charges that may fall to UNRRA in connection with the operation, UNRRA will pay to His Majesty's Government the following sums per head in each of the areas referred to, namely,

India	-	£5. 0. 0.	per month	per refugee.
Palestine	-	£10.0. 0.	"	"
East Africa (including Kenya, Tanganyika, Northern & Southern Rhodesia)	-	£4.15. 0.	"	"

7. that in each area appropriate measures will be taken in agreement with the local representatives of UNRRA for the purpose of certifying to the numbers of refugees receiving care and maintenance in any particular period for the purpose of making payments provided for under paragraph 5 above, and of ensuring that only displaced persons eligible for UNRRA assistance are included in such numbers.

8. that UNRRA will assume financial and administrative responsibility for the repatriation of those refugees who desire to be repatriated.

9. that UNRRA accepts no responsibility for the removal of such refugees from their present country of location other than by way of repatriation.

10. that His Majesty's Government undertakes to assume, on the termination of UNRRA's operations or on the exhaustion of the £1,700,000 referred to in paragraph 5 above, whichever first occurs, responsibility for any of these refugees not yet repatriated.

With regard to the Polish refugees at present located in the Lebanon, UNRRA will assume the same responsibilities as for those in the Middle East, India and East Africa upon receiving an official request from the Government of Lebanon. When such request is received, it will remain only to fix the appropriate per capita cost and a date for bringing into operation the conditions set out above. It should be understood, however, that any payments on account of Polish refugees in the Lebanon will fall within the above limit of £1,700,000.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Humphrey M. Gale.

Personal Representative
of the Director General.

7 August, 1946.

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WR 2171/39/48

I. L. H.

Draft.

Mr. Eggers
Treasury.

(From Mr. Henderson)

Northern Dept.
Finance Dept.

(who should concur by telephone)

Copy conc:
C.O. (Mr Butler)
D.O. (Mr Hanna)
I.O. (Mr Gilchrist)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

28th August, 1946.

OUT FILE

Dear Eggers,

I enclose a copy of a letter dated 7th August from U.N.RR.A regarding their assumption of responsibility of Polish refugees in the Middle East, etc., together with a draft of our proposed reply, and should be very grateful if you could let me know whether you agree in what we propose to say.

I regret that through some oversight, Sir Humphrey Gale's letter only came into the hands of Refugee Department a few days ago.

I am sending copies of this letter to Butler (C.O.), Hanna (D.O.) and Gilchrist (I.O.)

I. L. H.

26/8

Yours sincerely

(Sd) Ian L. Henderson

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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27th August, 1946.

(WR 2171/39/48)

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I am sending copies of this letter to Bates (Colonial Office), Hanson (Dominions Office) and Gilchrist (India Office).

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) I.L. Henderson

(I.L.Henderson)

H.H. Eggers, Esq., O.B.E.,
Treasury.

Registry
No.

WR 2171/39/48

I.L.H.

Draft.

Sir Humphrey Gale
U.N.R.R.A.

Northern Dept.)
Finance Dept
(who should concur by telephone)

Copy to:-

Mr. Eggers
Treasury.

D.O.
(Mr Hanna)
I.O.
(Mr Gilchrist)
C.O.
(Mr Baker)

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.
~~28th~~ 2nd Sept.
August, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 7th August, regarding the arrangement by which U.N.R.R.A. will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, as from 1st August last, I am directed etc. to inform you that H.M.G. in the U.K. accept the conditions set forth in your letter. ~~save~~ Condition No.10. ~~These~~ Polish refugees will now, when U.N.R.R.A. ceases to operate, fall to be dealt with under U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution No. ~~70~~ 99 of 16th August, whereby Displaced Persons found under the charge of U.N.R.R.A. on 31st December next, will continue to be cared for by UNRRA staff until they can be put in charge of an interim international organisation or the International Refugee Organisation itself. H.M.G. ~~think~~ suggest, therefore, that Condition No.10 should be amended accordingly ~~read as follows~~ :-

I.L.H. 30/8

"~~That, on the termination of U.N.R.R.A.'s~~ operations, or on the exhaustion of the £1,700,000 referred to in para 5 above, whichever first occurs, responsibility for any of these refugees not yet repatriated, will fall to be dealt with under terms of U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution No. 99 of ~~16th August 1946.~~"

~~9. I am to ask if you would be so good as to inform H.M.G. at an early date if this~~

~~/over..~~

~~modification of Condition No. 10 is accept-~~
~~able to U.N.R.R.A.~~

~~I am, etc.~~

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WR 2306/B9/48
Mr Archer (UNRRA)
to Mr Edmonds
WR 36/18/39
D. 23.8.46.
R. 28.8.46.

UNRRA's assumption of responsibility for refugees in the Middle East, East Africa & India. Enclosures copy of letter despatched from Geneva on 7th Aug., also copies of an exchange of letters between the Govt. of India and UNRRA relating to the formal request from the Indian Govt. regarding the Polish refugees in India.

Last Paper.

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See WR 2171/39/48, on which a reply has gone to Sir H. Caröe's letter of 7/8/48

Q. We can agree with the two stipulations of the Govt. of India under (a) and (b) in their letter to U.N.R.R.A. of 16/7/46. & shd. so inform I.O.

Ian C. Henderson
30/8

Northcote
Finnemore } Dept.

30 VIII

The expenditure in India not borne by U.N.R.R.A. will presumably be met by the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Affairs and I think Mr Eggers must be asked whether he agrees, before I.O. is informed

HW M. 31/8

Dft accordingly.

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3. U. Sept. 23

30953 F.O.P

Now see WR 2541/39/48.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,
11, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

Telephone: LANgham 3090
Extn. 132

WR 36/18/39.

23rd August 1946

W.E. Edmunds, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
Refugee Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S. W. 1.

Enter WR soon
please & submit with ff.
(Our reply to UNRRA)

Dear Edmunds,

Further to your telephone conversation with Mr. Dudley Ward concerning the reply which we had sent to the Foreign Office from Geneva on the subject of UNRRA's assumption of responsibility for care and maintenance of Polish Refugees in the Middle East, I am enclosing, for your information, a further copy of the letter which you will see was despatched from Geneva on 7th August. see on WR 2171

I am also enclosing, for your information, copies of an exchange of letters between the Government of India and UNRRA relating to the formal request from the Indian Government regarding the Polish Refugees in India.

Yours sincerely,

K. A. Aickin

K.A. AICKIN
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

KAA/ARP

28 AUG 1946

COPY

Extn. 132

24th August 1946

Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi,

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receiptof your letter of 16th July concerning the assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for the care of Polish Refugees in India. This will confirm that UNRRA has undertaken this responsibility as from 1st August 1946 in accordance with the terms of the correspondence between the European Regional Office of UNRRA and the Foreign Office, though we are still awaiting confirmation from His Majesty's Government of their acceptance of these terms.

I am enclosing, for your information, copy of our letter to the Foreign Office stating the terms on which UNRRA is prepared to assume this responsibility.

With regard to the two conditions set out in your letter they are, of course, as you say, a matter for His Majesty's Government to settle and, no doubt, they will be communicating separately with you on those points.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

DUDLEY WARD
GENERAL COUNSEL
FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

KAA/ARP

COPY

No.26/29/44-Poll (Evn).
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Department of Commonwealth Relatio
New Delhi 3, 16th July, 1946.

From

R.N.Banerjee, Esquire, CSI., CIE.,
Secretary to the Government of India
Department of Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi 3,
INDIA.

To

The Director-General,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration,
European Regional Office,
11, Portland Place,
London, W.1.

Sir,

I am directed to request formally that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration may assume, with effect from the 1st of July, 1946, responsibility for the care of Polish nationals now in India, on the terms agreed upon between the European Regional Office of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and His Majesty's Government (vide copy attached of the Secretary, Political Department, India Office's letter No.Pol.8321/40 dated 11th May, 1946) and subject only to the following two further conditions to which it is understood, His Majesty's Government will readily agree:-

(a) That any expenditure incurred by the Government of India in connection with Polish refugees in India which, after audit of accounts, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration are not prepared to accept, or any expenditure in which United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration may for any reasons default, shall be reimbursed to the Government of India by His Majesty's Government; and

(b) all costs incurred by the Government of India in maintaining in India a Polish Liaison Officer and staff shall be reimbursed to the Government of India by His Majesty's Government. As no suitable Pole is available in India to fill this post, provision will also have to be made by His Majesty's Government for the cost of a passage for the person selected from the United Kingdom to India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sgd.) R.N. Banerjee.
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Draft. Mr Awdry 2/9

H.H.

Mr Eggers OBE.

T'y.

from Mr Edmonds.

Mr Aitchison's letter of 23rd August on WR 2306/39/48

OUT FILE — 4th Sept 1946. 4a

Dear Eggers.

I enclose a copy of a letter ~~also~~ received from UNRRA regarding their assumption of responsibility for the care and maintenance of Polish refugees in the Middle East.

As you will see from the enclosures to ~~this~~ UNRRA's letter under reference, the Government of India have imposed two additional conditions to the terms originally agreed upon between UNRRA and HMG, saying that it is understood that HMG will readily agree to these conditions.

We shall be grateful to know

whether this is ~~[illegible]~~ in fact the case before we reply to the India Office.

[illegible] 3/9

Yours sincerely
(sgd) C. J. Edmonds

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

(WR 2306/39/48)

4th September, 1946.

Dear Eggers.

I enclose a copy of a letter received from U.N.R.R.A. regarding their assumption of responsibility for the care and maintenance of Polish refugees in the Middle East.

As you will see from the enclosures to U.N.R.R.A.'s letter under reference, the Government of India have imposed two additional conditions to the terms originally agreed upon between U.N.R.R.A. and His Majesty's Government, saying that it is understood that His Majesty's Government will readily agree to these conditions.

We shall be grateful to know whether this is in fact the case before we reply to the India Office.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) C.J. Edmonds.

(C.J. Edmonds)

H.H. Eggers, Esq., O.B.E.
Treasury.

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Lebanese Legation

No. 7/7

D. 27. 8. 46.

R. 29. 8. 46.

Maintenance of Polish refugees in the Lebanon. Refers to F.O. letter of 21st. Aug. (WR 2128) and transmits copy of letter of 23rd. Aug. regarding the above, sent to UNRRA by the Lebanese Legation.

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D.O. (Mr Hansen)

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C.O. (Mr Bates) I.O. (Mr Gilchrist) & D.O (Mr Hansen) ref. inf. each.

~~Arth Hutchinson~~ 30/8
ARTHUR WILKINSON.

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Finance Dept 3/9
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With The Compliments Of

THE LEBANESE LEGATION

LONDON.

WR 2323
28 AUG 1946

Date : 27th August, 1946.

Our Ref : 7/7

Your Ref : WR.2128/39/48 of 21st August, 1946.

Enclosure : Copy of letter dated 23rd August, sent to UNRRA by the Lebanese Legation, London.

Subject : Maintenance of Polish Refugees in the Lebanon.

For your information.

To :—

H.M. Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
Whitehall, London.

28 AUG

C O P Y.

Lebanese Legation,
Dowley Street,
Westminster,
London.

23rd August, 1946.

Sir,

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to approach you on the following matter:-

Some time ago the Lebanese Government authorised the admission to the Lebanon of 5000 Polish Refugees who did not wish, under existing circumstances, to return to Poland.

The maintenance of these Refugees has up to the present time been the responsibility of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. It appears that His Majesty's Government now wish the onus of these Refugees to be transferred to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The Lebanese Government wish to state that they are in agreement with the wish of His Majesty's Government and therefore request that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration should now assume responsibility for the maintenance of the 5000 Polish Refugees in the Lebanon.

I have the honour to be, Sir, with the highest consideration,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) Camille Chamoun.
Minister Plenipotentiary.

The Secretary-General,
United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration, 11 Portland Place,
London W.1.

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WR2363/39/48
Mr Eggers (Treasury)
to
Mr Henderson
No 07.91/4/10/4
D. 30. 8. 46.
R. 2. 9. 46.

Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for Poles in the Middle East. Refer to F.O. letter of 28th Aug. (WR2171). Agrees with proposed reply to Sir H. Gale. Is not clear what the the proposed per capita sums are supposed to cover. Is asking Count Raczynski to telegraph I.T.C. representatives abroad advising them of the transfer & asking them to cooperate with UNRRA and the local authorities. Copied to Baker (C.O.) ~~Hanson~~ Hanson (D.O.) and Pilchner (I.O.)

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S) Tory (Miss Wallis)
C.O. (Mr Baker)
D.O. (Mr Henderson)
I.O. (Mr Pilchner)
Sep 4
S) Miss Osborne (UNRRA), Room 310 Oct 7

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(Minutes.)

in dept 2/9

With ref. to the first part of paragraph 3 of Mr. Eggers's letter of 30th August, I have confirmed with UNRRA that the per capita costs quoted in Conduta no. 6.. of their letter of 7th August (WR 2171) are designed to ~~incl~~ cover education & welfare as well as food & accommodation.

I attach an amended draft to Sir Humphrey Gale.

Maclean
3/9

(Eff. has now issued).

Please return o/a so that the Treasury query about a formal Lebanese application to UNRRA can be dealt with.

The Lebanese Legation made a formal request to UNRRA to assume responsibility for Poles in the Lebanon on 23 August last (WR 2323). A copy of their letter has been sent to Mr. Eggers.

Maclean
4/9
Finance

28888 F.O.P.

Finance Dept. 5/9

Northern Dept. 6/IX

See first ¶ of Sir Humphrey Gale's letter in WR 2171/39/48. regarding Polish Refugees in the Lebanon. The Lebanese Govt requested U.N.R.R.A. on Aug 23/46 (WR. 2323) to assume responsibility for these refugees. It remains to fix a date for the take over and the appropriate per capita cost.

I am not clear whether the Govt. will continue to finance this ~~and~~ expenditure in the first instance, the Interim Treasury Committee effecting recovery from U.N.R.R.A. on the basis of the per capita costs and within the budget allocation of £1,700,000. I think we must ask Mr Eggers for his observations.

In the meantime, Beirut are asking for £88,094 now for September budget and £65,000 about Sept 20th (Beirut No 748 Aug 30/46 + N. 11145/157/55).

M.J. Mitchell
5/9

Now see letter from UNRRA of 7th September, stating that an official request has been received from the Lebanese Govt. WR. 2479.

MJ 16/9

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Your Reference

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

IMMEDIATE

30th August, 1946.

WR 2203
2 SEP 1946

Dear Henderson,

Thank you for your letter W.R.2171/39/48 of August the 28th regarding the assumption by U.N.R.R.A. of responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, Africa and India.

I am glad that the long-protracted negotiations have at last reached a successful conclusion, and I agree with your proposed reply to Sir H. Gale. In view of the delay which has occurred since Sir H. Gale wrote his letter, I hope that U.N.R.R.A. will still agree to accept financial responsibility as from August the 1st. I hope too that the formal Lebanese application to U.N.R.R.A. will not be long delayed. Anything you can do to expedite it will be appreciated.

I am not clear whether the proposed per capita sums which U.N.R.R.A. are prepared to reimburse are designed to cover food and accommodation (plus administrative expenses) only or whether the present educational and welfare services can be continued provided their costs added to those of food and accommodation do not result in an average per capita cost in excess of the agreed figures. I assume that this is the intention. I have not had an opportunity to compare the U.N.R.R.A. figures with those of the present I.T.C. costs but at first glance I do not think they differ materially or at all. It should therefore be possible to maintain the present organisation with very little change. This will be very welcome from the Polish point of view, besides being good for morale, and should greatly facilitate the transfer. Of course if the present I.T.C. monthly

/costs

I. L. Henderson, Esq.,
Refugee Department, Foreign Office.

2 SEP 1946

costs exceed U.N.R.R.A.'s per capita figures, economies will have to be effected as H.M. Government cannot agree to meet the excess. I am looking into this question more closely but naturally it need not hold up your reply to Sir Humfrey Gale.

I am asking Count Raczynski to telegraph I.T.C. representatives in the territories concerned advising them of the imminent transfer and requesting them to co-operate unreservedly with U.N.R.R.A. and the local authorities.

I am sending copies of this letter to Bates, Hanson and Gilchrist.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Eggers

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Draft.

to:

Lieut-General
Sir Humphrey Gale,
C.B.E., C.B.,

U.N.R.R.A.

(from Mr. J. C.
Edmonds)

Copy Treasury
(Miss Wells)

Copy Colonial Office
(Mr. Bates)

Copy Dominions
Office
(Mr. Hanson)

Copy India Office
(Mr. Gilchrist)

Foreign Office,

S.W.1.

4th September.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 7th August, regarding the arrangement by which U.N.R.R.A. will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, as from 1st August last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom accept the conditions set forth in your letter.

2. With regard to Condition No. 6 it is understood that the proposed per capita sums which U.N.R.R.A. are prepared to reimburse are designed to cover not only food and accommodation (plus administrative expenses) but also educational and welfare services.

3. With regard to Condition No. 10. these Polish refugees will now, when U.N.R.R.A. ceases to operate, fall to be dealt with under U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution No, 99 of 16th August, whereby Displaced Persons found under the charge of U.N.R.R.A. on 31st December next, will continue to be cared for by U.N.R.R.A. staff until they can be put in charge of an interim international organisation or the International Refugee Organisation itself. His Majesty's Government suggest, therefore, that Condition No. 10 should be amended accordingly.

I am, etc.

3/9

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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

WR 2363/39/48

4th September, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 7th August, regarding the arrangement by which U.N.R.R.A. will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, as from 1st August last, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom accept the conditions set forth in your letter

With regard to Condition No. 6 it is understood that the proposed per capita sums which U.N.R.R.A. are prepared to reimburse are designed to cover not only food and accommodation (plus administrative expenses) but also educational and welfare services.

With regard to Condition No. 10 these Polish refugees will now, when U.N.R.R.A. ceases to operate, fall to be dealt with under U.N.R.R.A. Council Resolution No. 99 of 16th August, whereby Displaced Persons found under the charge of U.N.R.R.A. on 31st December next, will continue to be cared for by U.N.R.R.A. staff until they can be put in charge of an interim international organisation or the International Refugee Organisation itself. His Majesty's Government suggest, therefore, that Condition No. 10 should be amended accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lieut-General Sir H. Gale, C.B.E., C.B., U.N.R.R.A.
European Regional Office, 11, Portland Place, W.1

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d. 6 Sept.

r. 11 Sept.

Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East.

Transmits copy of a Tel from S. of S for Colonies to (1) E.A.C.C. (2) Palestine, 6/14823/B/46 of 6/9 stating that UNRRA will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the M.E. up to 21st. December 1946.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

MJ 12/9

N. Dept. 12/9.

R. Mitchell. (Finance Dept)

12/9.

[We are consulting Mr Eggers about expenditure incurred under the superintendence of Foreign Service Officers and instructions in similar form will no doubt have to be sent by us, particularly to Beirut].

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En Clair

TO (1) EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE,
(2) PALESTINE.

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 6th September, 1946, 11.00 hrs.

(1) No. 532
(2) No.1656

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Reference my saving telegram (1) No. 84 (2) No.359 of the 18th April 1946.

As you are aware, terms on which UNRRA would assume responsibility for care and repatriation of Polish refugees in overseas territories have been under discussion for some time. It has now formally been agreed that UNRRA will accept financial responsibility up to 31st December 1946 with effect from the 1st of August.

Copies of correspondence between UNRRA and the Foreign Office setting out the conditions of the agreement reached in detail are being sent to you for information by air mail. It is not expected, however, that this agreement will result in any substantial change in existing administrative arrangements and personnel, except that Polish staff formerly paid by Interim Treasury Committee will now, of course, operate under the general supervision and direction of UNRRA.

/UNRRA

Copies sent to:-

Treasury	- Mr. G. Van Loo.
Foreign Office	- Mr. I.L. Henderson.
Dominions Office	- Mr. A.A. Walsh.
" "	- Mr. I.N. Gilchrist.

UNRRA is limited to an overall expenditure during this period of a certain sum based on a per capita expenditure of £10 in Palestine and £4. 15s. in East Africa. While it is expected that this will in general allow existing rates of expenditure to be maintained, in certain cases economies may have to be effected as H.M.G. cannot agree to meet additional expenditure.

Claims which have already been submitted for refund of expenditure incurred after the 1st of August will be forwarded by Interim Treasury Committee to UNRRA here, but procedure for submission of claims in future should be discussed and arranged direct with UNRRA representative in Cairo.

It is understood that Count Raczynski is telegraphing to Polish representatives advising them of these arrangements and requesting their full cooperation with UNRRA And Colonial Governments in giving them effect.

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D.O. com'd.

d. 10 Sept.

r. 11 Sept.

Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East.

Transmits copy of tel from D.O. to S. Rhodesia No. 239 d 9/9/46 stating that UNRRA will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the M. E. with effect from 1st August and up to the 31st December 1946.

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Northern Dept.

Mr. Mitchell.

Mr 12/9

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Under Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs

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FROM: D.O.

TO: SOUTHERN RHODESIA

(Sent 8.50 p.m. 9th Sept.,1946)

No. 239

Your telegram 25th May No. 103. Poles.

It has now been formally agreed that U.N.R.R.A. will accept financial responsibility for Polish refugees in overseas territories mentioned in my telegram 25th April No. 107 with effect from 1st August and up to 31st December,1946.

2. Copies of correspondence between U.N.R.R.A. and Foreign Office, setting out conditions of agreement, are being sent by air. Final conditions agreed on are broadly similar to those set out in my telegram 25th April No. 41 Saving, but it has been further agreed that:

(a) authorities in each area will ensure that directions given by authorised representatives of U.N.R.R.A. will be carried out.

(b) His Majesty's Government in United Kingdom will arrange for admission of authorised representatives of Polish Provisional Government to areas where refugees are located.

3. It is not expected that this agreement will result in any substantial change in existing administrative arrangements and personnel, except that Polish staff formerly paid by Interim Treasury Committee will now operate under general supervision and direction of U.N.R.R.A.

4. U.N.R.R.A.'s expenditure during this period is limited to a certain sum, based on a per capita monthly expenditure of £10 in Palestine, £5 in India and £4.15s. in East Africa and Southern Rhodesia. While it is expected that this will, in general, allow existing rates of expenditure to be maintained, economies may have to be effected in certain cases as His Majesty's Government in United Kingdom do not contemplate meeting additional expenditure.

5. Claims already submitted for refund of expenditure incurred after 1st August will be forwarded by Interim Treasury Committee to U.N.R.R.A. here. It is suggested that procedure for submission of future claims could best be arranged direct with U.N.R.R.A. representative in Cairo.

6. It is understood that Count Raczynski is informing Polish representatives of these arrangements and requesting their full co-operation with U.N.R.R.A. and Governments concerned in carrying them out.

7. Similar telegram is being sent to East African Governors' Conference and it is hoped that these arrangements will be acceptable to Southern Rhodesia Government.

Copy to:- C.O. Mr. J.D.Bates
Treas. Mr. H.H.Eggers
F.O. Mr. I.L.Henderson

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U.N.R.R.A.

Dates: Sept. 7.
Rec'd: Sept. 12.

U.N.R.R.A.'s Assumption of Responsibility for Refugees in the Middle East, E. Africa and India.

Refers to U.N.R.R.A. letter of 7/8 (WR 2171/39/48). States that the Administration has now received an official request from the Govt. of the Lebanon that it should assume responsibility for the maintenance of Polish refugees in the Lebanon. Suggests that this should be as from 1/8 & that the amount payable per head should be £10 per month.

Last Paper.

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Dft. to Mr Eggers (Tsy) from Mr Edmonds

Sept. 18th

(Minutes.)

In this connection, see Mr. Minshull's minutes of 5/9/46 on WR 2363 and N. 11145/157/55

Dft. to Mr. Eggers, Treasury, accordingly.

Maclean

N. Dept 17/9

Finance Dept. ✓
(Mr. Minshull)

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Telephone :
LANgham 3090

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,

EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,
11, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

WR 2479
12 SEP 1946

7. September 1946

The Under-Secretary of State,
The Foreign Office,
London, S. W. 1.

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Sir,

Further to my letter of 7th August, written from Geneva, dealing with financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East, I have the honour to inform you that the Administration has now received an official request from the Government of the Lebanon that it should assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

In accordance with the terms of the last paragraph of my letter of 7th August, it is now suggested that UNRRA's responsibility for the Polish refugees in the Lebanon should be assumed as from 1st August and that the amount payable per head should be £10. per month per refugee. In all other respects, the conditions set out in my letter of 7th August would apply to the refugees of the Lebanon in the same way as for those in the other areas.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H.M. GALE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

9 SEP 1946

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H. H. Eggers, Esq.,

Treasury.

☐ Mr Edmonds.

EWL.

N. Dept. (NCAR) 12/9

Mr. Mirskull 12/9 first.

OUT FILE

18th September, 1946

Dear Eggers,

Please refer to para. 2. of your letter O.F. 91/4/10/4 of the 30th August to Henderson regarding the assumption by U.N.R.R.A. of responsibility for Polish refugees.

As you will see from the enclosed copy of a letter from Sir Humfrey Gale, the Lebanese Govt. have now officially requested UNRRA to assume responsibility for the maintenance of Polish refugees in the Lebanon. May we agree to the starting date and per capita rate as suggested

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by Gale?

I am not however clear as to whether H.M.G. will continue to finance this expenditure in the first instance, the Interim Treasury Ctee effecting recovery from UNRRA on the basis of the per capita costs and within the budget allocation of £1,700,000, and I should be grateful for your early observations.

You will have seen telegram No 748 of August 30th from Beirut asking for funds. £88,094 was remitted by us to H.M. Legation on the 5th September and a further £65,000 is required on or about the 20th September. Do you agree that the F.O. should remit this money?

HM 18/9

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

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18th September, 1946.

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(C. J. Edmonds)

H. H. Eggers, Esq.,
Treasury.

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Sept. 11th

Sept. 13th.

Repatriation of Poles from E. Africa to Poland.

Transmits copy of a letter from Mr. Bates to Mr. Jenney dated Sept 11, enclosing copy of a Tel from E. Africa No. 614 of 5/9, also encloses copy of a letter to Mr. Van Loo dated Sept. 11th

Last Paper.

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Dft/Mr Jenney (W/T) from Mr Henderson Sept. 24th.

Dft/Mr Bates (CO) Mr Van Loo (Treas) Sept. 30th

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WR 2541

(Minutes.)

Sp. in N Dept 13/9

I do not wish to support this request to MWT

M Maclean 17/9

N. Dept.

See N. 8289. and Mr Hancock's minute on N.9302. The actual repatriation of volunteers to Poland is a matter for U.N.R.R.A now and the Polish Govt, but we are certainly prepared to support any request to get Poles home to Poland, to save us further complications.

J P Waterlow 19.IX.

20/9

Dft. to Mr. Jenney, M.W.T.

M Maclean 23/9

N. Dept. 24.IX

M 28/9

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Colonial Office Reference No. 14823/3/40/46

WR 2504
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With the compliments of the
Under Secretary of State for the
Colonies.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

11th. September 1946.

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Downing Street,

S.W.1.

11th. September, 1946.

Dear Jennery,

I am sending you a copy of a telegram which we have just received from the East African Governors' Conference about the movement of approximately 500 Poles from East Africa on repatriation to Poland. As you may know, UNRRA has now assumed responsibility for these Polish refugees, and I am writing to you at once therefore to stress the very great importance we attach to the movement of these Poles at the earliest possible opportunity and to ask you to do all you can to meet UNRRA's request for the movement of these persons.

It is, as stated in the telegram, most important that these refugees should arrive if possible before the beginning of the winter, and

I feel sure that the Foreign Office will also, for political reasons, be very ready to support this request, and I am sending copies of this letter to Hancock (Northern Department) and to Edmonds (Refugee Department). I am also sending two copies of this letter to Van Loo (Treasury) with a request that he should pass one of them to the right quarter in UNRRA.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. D. Bates

C.D. JENNERY ESQ.

INWARD TELEGRAM

Code

FROM EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
(Sir P. Mitchell)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 5th September, 1946.
R. 5th " " 16.10 hrs.

No. 614.

Director of Refugees at recent conference strongly urged that every effort be made to assist U.N.R.R.A. to obtain shipping at the earliest date to transport approximately 500 Poles from East African Territories and Rhodesias desiring repatriation to Poland. Most essential that refugees should arrive prior to onset of winter. It is felt that if first batch now embarked, others will follow.

6/14823/D

Downing Street,

S.W.1.

11th September, 1946.

Dear Van Loo,

As you know, the large majority of the Polish refugees in East Africa and in Palestine are relatives of members of the Polish Armed Forces. I believe the figure is something like 70 per cent in East Africa and between 50 and 60 per cent in Palestine. As I understand it the idea is that these relatives should be united with their menfolk in the countries in which they are eventually settled, rather than that they should be brought to this country before settlement elsewhere is effected. I gather, however, that it is unlikely that any movement of this kind is likely to take place at least before the end of the year.

We have given Colonial Governments concerned an indication of what is likely to happen by semi-official letter, but we would very much like to be able to tell them officially as soon as possible what the plans are and when they are likely to take place. We should like at the same time to be able to tell them what definition is or has been accepted of "relatives" of a member of the Polish Armed Forces" and of what it is intended should happen to those who do not come within this category.

I realise, of course, that it may still be a bit early to say definitely when the movement of Polish refugees from Colonial territories will start, but I

would

G. VAN LOO ESQ.

would be most grateful if you could let us know as soon as you can what we can tell Colonial Governments officially on these points.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Hancock, (Foreign Office).

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S. D. Bates

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With the compliments of the

Under Secretary of State for the

Colonies.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

11th. September 1946.

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C. D. Jenney, Esq.,

H. W. T.

Mr. Henderson.

N. Dept. First

24.IX

Copy to
Mr. Bakes, C.O.
Mr. Van Hoo,
Treasury.

OUT FILE 2

27th Sept 1946.

Dear Jenney,

Please refer to paragraph 3 of Bakes' letter to you of the 11th September concerning the repatriation to Poland of approximately 500 Poles in E. Africa.

We are certainly very ready to support the request of the Colonial Office that these Poles should be repatriated as soon as possible.

I am sending copies of this letter to Bakes and Van Hoo.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M. Macheam.

Sir Frank Henderson

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

27th September, 1946.

(WR 2504/39/48).

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We are certainly very ready to support the request of the Colonial Office that these Poles should be repatriated as soon as possible.

I am sending copies of this letter to Bates and Vanhboo.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M Macheam

for (I.L. Henderson).

C.D. Jennery, Esq.,
Ministry of War Transport.

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Mr Van Loo (Treasury) to Mr Edmads

O.7.91/4/46

D. 13.9.46.

R. 16.9.46.

UNRRA's assumption of responsibility for British refugees in the Middle East, ~~East Africa + India~~. Refers to F.O. letter of 4th Sept. (WR2306) and encloses copy of letter sent on 4th Sept. from Treasury to I.O. regarding the above. Treasury consider that it is up to India to make adjustments to fit in with UNRRA per capita rates, and the appointment of a Liaison Officer and Staff is for them to decide.

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Your Reference WR.2306/39/48

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

13th September, 1946.

WR 2541
16 SEP 1946

Dear Edmonds,

With reference to your letter of the 4th September to Eggers dealing with the assumption by U.N.R.R.A. of responsibility for the care of Poles in India, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we sent on the 4th September, 1946, to Gilchrist on this very point.

You will see that the Treasury view is that it is up to India to make adjustments to fit in with U.N.R.R.A. per capita rates and that the appointment of a Liaison Officer and staff is a matter for herself to decide.

Yours sincerely,

(G. van Loo).

C.J. Edmonds, Esq., C.M.G., C.B.E.,
Claims Department,
Foreign Office.

16 SEP 1946

COPY

TREASURY CHAMBERS

Pol.9784/46

S.W.1.

OF.91/4/46

4th September, 1946.

Dear Mr. Gilchrist,

I refer to your letter of the 30th August to Mr. Eggers who is now on leave, about the position of Poles in India.

I think your points are probably covered by Mr. Eggers' letter to Mr. I.L. Henderson of the 30th August, but in order to clarify the position I should perhaps add the following remarks. As regards point a) in your letter I must make it clear that H.M.G. cannot recognise excess expenditure, and that accordingly present expenditure must be adjusted to conform to the UNRRA per capita rates. Incidentally I understand that these rates are intended to meet the cost of education and welfare services. So far as b) is concerned, it is the Government of India which requires this liaison officer as between itself and UNRRA, and H.M.G. will not meet the cost. If the appointment therefore falls to the ground I am afraid this is no concern of ours.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) THELMA T. WELLS.

R.N. Gilchrist, Esq., C.I.E.,
India Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

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R. 19.9.46

Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for British refugees in the Middle East

Transmits copy of tel. addressed to E.A.S.C. no 201, and to Palestine no 837 of 14th Sept. regarding the above.

Last Paper.

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2 " Athens
3 " Rome
4 " Lisbon
from Refugee Dept. Oct. 2 9th

D/(t), Chancery Cairo
2 Beirut
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C.O. (Mr Bates)
D.O (Mr Machtig)
Tsy. Mr Eggers. Oct 3

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(Minutes.)

Mr Carleton 20/9

N. Dept. 24/9.

Finance Dept.

HW 28/9

Could you say please whether our missions have got been instructed as to procedure in the circumstances of U.N.R.R.A.'s responsibility:

H Wilson Smith 28/9

No such instructions appear to have been sent. Dept herewith.

AWH Wilkinson 19/10

AWH WILKINSON

Eastern Dept
Northern "
Finance "
} first.

Oct. 22

The ITC don't operate in Addis Ababa or Baghdad. Can't these posts be left out of the picture?

CFU 23 X.

Expenditure has been incurred at Baghdad, Athens, Rome, Lisbon, but not at Addis Ababa

HW. 24/10

It might be as well to ask these posts what expenditure on Treasury Estimates is being incurred since the end of July 1946.

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I agree. Apts to posts ~~stated~~ named in accordance with Mr Minshull's minute.

W. Robertson 24/10

Finance Dept first

W. Robertson 20/10

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Enclosure.

Colonial Office Reference No. 6/14823/P/46.

With the compliments of U.S.S.

Date 16.9.46.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies. (1) EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE No. 201.

To the Officer Administering the Government of (2) PALESTINE No. 837.

Date 14 September, 1946.

No. ..... **Saving.**

Reference my telegram No. (1) (2)

Copies of the correspondence between UNRRA and the Foreign Office referred to are forwarded for your information.

For your information the instructions issued by Count Raczynski to Polish representatives include the following directions relating to archives.

(a) Archives in the possession of Interim Treasury Committee offices which are necessary for the continued care of Polish refugees should, if so desired by the British Authorities, be made accessible to representatives of UNRRA. Other archives of a general character which are no longer required should be deposited with the local British Authorities.

(b) Personal dossiers concerning persons returning to Poland should be handed over to the British Authorities.

(c) From the personal dossiers relating to those who do not wish to return to Poland all data should be removed and destroyed which are not necessary for their protection and may prove to be harmful for them in the future, such as data referring to their pre-war activities in Poland, to their sojourn in Russia, or to their families in Poland - at the same time notifying the local British Authorities that this is being done.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

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A.W.H.W.

29 October, 1946.

Draft.
(1) Chancery, Baghdad
(2) " Athens
(3) " Rome
(4) " Lisbon

(from Refugee Dept.)

Dear Chancery,

We should be glad to know what expenditure has been incurred on Treasury Interim Committee accounts since the end of July, 1946.

AWHW 26/10

Finance Dept. first

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.
29th October, 1946.

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Yours ever,
Refugee Department.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Baghdad.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.
(WR 2585/39/48) 29th October, 1946.

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Yours ever,
Refugee Department.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Lisbon.

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British Embassy,
Rome.

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The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Athens.

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Draft.

(1) The Chancery, Cairo

~~(2) Addis Ababa~~

(3) Beirut

~~(4) Damascus~~

~~(5) Baghdad~~

(6) British Middle East Office (from Refugee Dept.)

~~(7) Athens~~

~~(8) Rome~~

~~(9) Lisbon~~

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Finance Dept.)

Beirut covers Damascus also

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Enclose correspdce. with U.N.R.R.A. on WR 2171/39/48

Copies:
I.O. - Mr. Gilchrist
C.O. - Mr. Bates
D.O. - Mr. MacLeod
Treasury - Mr. Eggers

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FOREIGN OFFICE

S.W.1.

29. October, 1946.

CONFIDENTIAL

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Poland /

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Copies of this are being sent to ~~Chanceries~~

~~(1) Addis Ababa~~

(2) Beirut

~~(3) Damascus~~,

~~(4) Baghdad~~

& (5) British Middle East Office.

We shall also be glad to know what expenditure if any has

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British Middle East Office.

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The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Cairo.

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Sir A. Cadogan

New York

No 1018

D. 19. 9. 46.

R. 20. 9. 46.

Numbers of refugees and displ in the Middle East who are cared for by British authorities

Repd to W'ton no 880 Saving.

Representative of the Lebanon has asked for the above, as distinct from those cared for by UNRRA or other organisations or countries.

Last Paper.

WR ~~2575~~ 2585

References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

15) Lt Col Logan

Sept 21

8) W.O. (Mr Trevaldwyn) 7-5.

Sept. 28th

Tel) New York no (42) Sept. 30

Repd W'ton no 1186(5)

8) Mr Osborne Cont

(Minutes.)

Copy Lt. Col. Logan, C.A.I. War Office for urgent obs.

HT 21/9

I have read over the telegram to Major Darrell.

~~[Capt. A.C. Alexander WO CAI (Mr Maclean) 24/9)~~

Now see figures provided by C.A.I.

These are not very satisfactory, but are apparently all that C.A.I. can produce and all they have received from Middle East. They are unable to elucidate them further. The figures for Poles in Palestine (Category H) are somewhat odd. Colonial Office say they have nothing to add to these figures.

On the assumption that "cared for" in New York Tel. 1018 does not mean only "financially supported", then

Offr. Tel. to New York submitted.

Maclean
26/9

(Action completed.)

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(Index.)

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Next Paper.

WR 2820

27692 F.O.P.

OVER /

These figures seem to me very queer and I am uneasy about sending them to New York.

It is not clear if the phrase in New York telegram No. 1018 "cared for by British authorities" means "in receipt of public relief" or not. Although it is rather late now I fear we ought to telegraph back to New York to ask them precisely what they do mean, at the same time informing them that it may take the authorities concerned some time to obtain the figures required.

Dft. telegram.

I. L. H.

(I.L. Henderson)
28th September, 1946.

C.A.I. was inform me that F.5 of the W.O. may have more detailed figures.

Copy N. York tel 1018 to Mr. Trevaldwyn, F.5.

M 28/9

Mr. Trevaldwyn will speak to C.A.I about this. In the meantime tel. should issue as amended.

M 30/9

B.U. 1 week

See within
New York tel. no 1121 Sept 30th

Copy W.O., C.A.I. (Capt. Alexander) for obs
" , F.5. (Mr. Trevaldwyn) " " } ref.

M 2/10

B.U. 1 week

Before Oct.

1/15) W.O. (Capt. Alexander)
" (Mr Trevaldwyn)

Oct 3

Tel) U.K. Del. New York
No 1536 / Oct 14

8) W.O.
(Capt. Alexander)

W.V. / Oct. 16.

I have spoken to Capt Alexander by telephone & he says that they now have some additional figures which, together with those we have already should provide the "round figures" requested by the Lebanese Govt. He will send them over at once.
[Capt. Alexander, (W.O.) 8/11/10] Arthur 10/10

B.U. in 1 week.
New figures throw no fresh light on the position.
24/1 tel UK Del NY.

Arthur Wilkinson 14/X

T.E. Fitt
I.L.H.
14/10

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En Clair. WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISTRIBUTION.

FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

(From United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations).

Sir A. Cadogan. D. 10.10 p.m. September 19th, 1946.
No.1018.
September 19th, 1946. R. 3.40 p.m. September 19th, 1946.

Repeated Saving to Washington No.580.

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FERTILE.

Representative of the Lebanon would be grateful if you could let me have for him figures of refugees and displaced persons if any who are cared for by British authorities in middle eastern countries as distinct from refugees and displaced persons cared for by UNRRA or other organisations or countries. Reply should indicate countries or areas concerned.

20 SEP 1946
REGISTRY

Register No. Minute Sheet No.

To: Refugee Dept. Foreign Office.
3. Cleveland Row.

Attention Miss Maclean.

I hope you may be able to make something out of these figures!

M. Alexander.
Capt.

CA 1
Hotel Victoria.
Abbey 1272 xt 285
25 Sept. '46

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Col C

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No. 12350/100/CA.

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Civil Affairs Branch,
G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

War Office C.A. (D.P.)
LONDON.

With further reference to this Branch's letter No. 12350/90/CA dated 2nd. August, 1946. I am directed to forward herewith the undermentioned lists of displaced persons.

1.	Eritrea	Appendix "A"
2.	G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.	Appendix "B"

G.A.B.GOTTLIEB
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

/AM

Appendix "A"

	ITALIAN POPULATION (1)			PUBLIC RELIEF (in Sh.E.A.) (2)		
	In Asmara and Districts	In Accom. Camps	Total.	In Asmara and Districts.	In Accom. Camps.	Total.
Acc.Camp Ghinda	-	579	579	-	62367,80	62367,80
" " Toselli	-	316	316	-	14622, -	14622,-
" " Adi Caieh	-	94	94	-	4408,-	4408,-
" " Godefelassi	-	83	83	-	4240,-	4240,-
On Public Relief but not in Acc. Camps	1731	-	1731	79006,79	-	79006,79
Persons not on Public Relief.	33518	-	33518	-	-	-
Totals	35249	1072	36321	79006,79	85637,80	164644,59

(1) Totals after repatriation of 28.6.46.

(2) Totals including payments to repatriates on 28.6.46.

June 1946

People from following Countries	Not on Public Relief	On Public Relief	Total	Public Relief in(Sh.E.A.)
G.B. British Subject	182	1	183	65
Siria	21	-	21	-
Iran	2	-	2	-
Turkey	17	-	17	-
Czechoslovakia	4	-	4	-
St. Marino	10	-	10	-
Holland	2	-	2	-
Greece (1)	535	16	549	654
Yugoslavia	29	4	33	257
Sweden	6	-	6	-
Argentine	13	-	13	-
U.S.A.	29	-	29	-
Egypt	54	4	58	192
Malta	29	-	29	-
Aden	86	5	91	200
Poland	17	-	17	-
Hungary	7	-	7	-
U.S.S.R. (and Armenia)	24	-	24	-
Switzerland	8	-	8	-
Austria	15	-	15	-
Belgium	1	-	1	-
Palestine	29	-	29	-
France	6	-	6	-
Lebanon	4	-	4	-
Totals	1128	30	1158	1368
Other Coloured people (not Eritreans)	2234	-	2234	-
Totals	3362	30	3392	1368

(1 Many poor Greeks are assisted by the Greek Community, and thus not on public Relief.

Displaced Personnel in Middle East

Appendix "B"

GHQ MELF
Tel ME 1228
L 81401/1/AG2b

8 Aug. '46.

Civil Affairs Branch GHQ MELF

Reference your 12350/50/CA dated 27 Jan. 46

Hereunder nominal roll as requested.

No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Nationality	Responsibility	Comments
NS/8529	Pte.	BEHAR	3 Gen. Hosp. MEF	British	W D	At present trying to repatriate to ITALY where he lived prior 1940
PAL/23535	Spr.	POPOFF	152 Transit Camp	Stateless	W D	Repatriation to CHINA approved now trying to get visa for entry CHINA
ME/1450089	Pte.	WEINZIERI	ENSA GHQ MELF	HUNGARIAN	W D	Has applied for post with CAPETOWN Municipal Orchestra Meanwhile we are endeavouring to employ him in CSEU.
138066	Pte.	RICHICHI	152 Transit Camp	British	W D	UK Egypt and TURKEY have all refused to accept. Awaiting his consent to apply to MALTA for local release. Now AWOL (26 July)
EX ME/10552500	Pte.	SAID	78 Gen. Hosp.	British	W D	Now making attempts to get him a visa for entry to TURKEY.

DISPLACED PERSONS IN M.E.

(A) : PERSONS WHO BECAME DISPLACED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE WAR.

CATEGORY A.

NATIONALITY	CYPRUS	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
ITALIAN				53 /	4,500 (b)		17 /		4,000 (a)	8,570
GREEK	2,967 /		2,038 /	1,411 /(c)			320 /			6,736
YUGOSLAV				6,186 /						6,186
DODECANESE	78 /		96 /	138 /						312
CZECH				8 /						8
SPANISH							169 /			169
AUSTRIAN				28 /						28
BRITISH				5 =						5
RUSSIAN				1 =						1
HUNGARIAN				1 =						1
RUMANIAN				1= + 2						3
POLISH				1						1
GERMAN				2						2
OTHER NATIONS	30 /		60 /	94 /			45 /			229
	3,075	—	2,194	7,931	4,500		551		4,000	22,251 Persons

(=) = MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY

(/) = UNNRA AND VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES

Notes : (a) from Cyrenaica.
(b) from Ethiopia.
(c) U.N.R.R.A. responsibility except for 3.

(B) : DISSIDENT PERSONS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPTION TO BE REPATRIATED BUT HAVE DECLINED.

CATEGORY B.

NATIONALITY	CYRENAICA	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
ITALIANS					31,000					31,000
JUGOSLAVS				502 =						502
REDS		15 = (a)								15
		15		502	31,000					31,517

[illegible]SE WHO MOVED OR WERE EXPELLED BEFORE THE WAR FROM THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ON POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS AND NOW REFUSE TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

CATEGORY G.

NATIONALITY	CYRENAICA	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
ITALIANS	1									1
RUSSIANS									1	1
POLES					10					10
	1				10				1	12

(H) = CATEGORIES NOT COVERED BY ABOVE.

CATEGORY H.

NATIONALITY	CYRENAICA	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
BULGARIAN			6 = (a)	4 =						10
YUGOSLAV			4 =	4 =			4 =			12
RUMANIAN			6 =	1 =			7 =			14
AUSTRIAN			14 =	3 =			1 =			18
ALBANIAN				4 =						4
"DISPUTED"			14 =	3 =						17
ITALIAN			6 =	1 =	64 =		1 =			72
GERMAN			13 =	7 =			1 =			21
HUNGARIAN			56 =	1 =			1 =			58
CZECH			1	2			1 =			4
POLE				1		?	20,000 (c)			31,505
CUBAN				1 =		3,000 (b)	8,504 = (d)			1
			120	32	64	3,000	28,520			31,736

(a) East African figures consist of internees removed from M.E. proper.
(b) cared for by Interim Polish Treasury Committee
(c) 8,000 as for (b) above and the remaining 12,000 illegal entrants into Palestine.
= (d) "Anders Poles" 8,500 Ex Internees 4.

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(=) = MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY
(a) = Ex British Agents who refuse to return.

CATEGORY C = CIVILIANS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED DURING THE WAR BY ALLIED ORDERS FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES - NIL.

(D) : CIVILIANS WHO WERE RESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY BEFORE THE WAR BUT NOW DESIRE OR ARE REQUIRED TO BE SENT HOME.

CATEGORY D.

NATIONALITY	CYRENAICA	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
ITALIANS	25	350			23,000 (1)				3,160 (2)	26,535
GREEKS									20	20
	25	350			23,000				3,180	26,555

(1) includes 4,500 in "A" . (2) a possible 20,000 more

(E) = EX-MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DEMOBILIZED FROM THE ALLIED FORCES AND ARE NOW BEING CARED FOR AS DISPLACED PERSONS.

CATEGORY E.

NATIONALITY	CYRENAICA	DODECANESE	E. AFRICA	EGYPT	ERITREA	LEBANON	PALESTINE	SYRIA	TRIPOLITANIA	TOTAL
SPANIARDS									3	3
GREEKS									3	3
									6	6

CATEGORY F = EX-MILITARY PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THOSE CLASSED UNDER (E) ABOVE AND BEING CARED FOR AS DISPLACED PERSONS - NIL.

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U.K. Delegation to U.N.O.
New York

Telegram.
No. 1427
Sep 30 Q.

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Saving No. 1186 SAU

En Clair

World Economic and Social Distribn.

Copy:
W.O. - (Capt. Alexander C.A.1)
W.O. F.5.
(Mr. Trevaldwyn)

FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

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Despatched 7.36 p *M.* 30/9.

September, 1946.

FERTILE

IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 1018 [of September 19th: Refugees cared for by British authorities in Middle East].

Please state if figures required relate to refugees and displaced persons who are in receipt of public relief by British authorities in Middle Eastern countries. ~~since British military authorities state that they care for a number of persons without maintaining them financially.~~

2. The authorities concerned state that they may take some time to obtain satisfactory figures.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1

FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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(From United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations)

Sir A. Cadogan.
No.1121

D.12.52 a.m. 1st October, 1946

30th September, 1946. R. 7.15 a.m. 1st October, 1946

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Your telegram No.1427 paragraph 1.

Yes (repeat yes).

2. Latest estimates in round figures will suffice.

OCT 1946
F.O. REGISTRY

Abbey 1272 Ext. 225. From:- Capt M.C.Alexander.(CA.1).

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THE WAR OFFICE,
HOTEL VICTORIA,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

W R2628/39/48

C.A.1.BM.4. 11 October 1946.

Dear Miss Maclean

You will remember our several telephone conversations on the vexed question of D.P.,figures for the Middle East which you wanted for the Lebanese Minister.

It was not quite clear at the time exactly what details the Minister required and consequently you cabled New York for amplification. We have not seen their reply but Wilkinson told me that details were wanted of financial responsibility.

I think that most of the information you require will be found in the Middle East Sitrep we sent you some time ago, in addition I attach two further lists of D.Ps., not covered in the earlier one. I ~~quite~~ do not imagine the facts contained in them will be of much use to the Lebanese Minister but they will, in any case, be useful for your records.

List A was received from B.M.A.,Cyrenaica, List B from the Civil Repatriation Bureau,Middle East, and List C from Civil Affairs,G.H.Q, MELF.

Yours Sincerely

Michael C. Alexander
Capt.

Miss Maclean,
Refugee Department,
Foreign Office,
3 Cleveland Row,
St James'

A

Subject:- Displaced Personnel.

Headquarters,
British Military Administration
Migration -Cyrenaica

Date :- 24 Sept 1946.
Ref. 37/D/1

To: Civil Affairs Branch,
GHQ. MEIF.

DISPLACED PERSONNEL IN M.E.

With reference to your letter 12350/50/CA dated 27th June 1946.

The following information in regard to Displaced persons is forwarded.

1.	Number of Displaced Persons.	1
2.	Nationality.	Spanish.
3.	Location.	Benghazi Cyreniaca.
4.	Administrative responsibility.	B.M.A. Cyreniaca.
5.	Financial Responsibility.	B.M.A. Cyreniaca.
6.	Degree of Financial responsibility by UNRRA.	N I L
7.	Spanish Republican supporter formerly in El Shatt U.N.R.R.A., Camp Employed by B.M.A., Cyreniaca.	

Sgd A. LONGLAND A/BI
Migration Officer,
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

B

NAME	NATIONALITY	LOCATION	ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY UNRRA	OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
BIENER Emanuel. BIENER HELENA	Austrians or Poles.	UNRRA CAMP El Shatt	G.R.B. (pp Force 133)	LE.4.p.m.ex Force 133	To house and feed.	Definitely displaced persons.
GRIGOROV Grigor.	Bulgarian	Cairo	G.R.B. (pp Force 133)	Temp.employed by American Legation	-	Definitely Displaced person.Impossible to return to Bulgaria also no papers.
KUYUMDJIEV Leon	Bulgarian	Cairo	G.R.B. (pp.P.W.B).	P.W.B.	-	For Bulgaria if possible.
MEDVEN Alice Dorothy	Yugoslav	Cairo	P.O.W.Directorate.	P.O.W. Directorate.ME.	-	For U.K.,possibly where parents live.
MARINESCU Bicki. (Minai Nicolas) MARINESCU Hellena. (Chiriacula Minaescu) Child - Maria.	Rumanian.	Jerusalem.	GHB(pp PMB)	£50 p.m. (pp.P.W.B).	-	For Rumania.Difficulty in obtaining entrance as man is ex force 133.
POITIER Jean (Theodorou)	Rumanian.	Cairo.	BMSE/PMB	Temp BMSE.	-	Went to ground Apl.46. Came to light July 46.
RUCINA Emanuel.	Rumanian.	Jerusalem.	Force.133.	Force 133.	-	Final responsibility for maintenance etc,under investigation.DSO.Palestine has been saddled with this case
SCHOLAND Maria. SCHOLAND Zacharia. SCHOLAND Karl. SCHOLAND Josefine. SCHOLAND Lili SCHOLAND Kate. Joachim Karoline. (Nee Scholand) JOACHIM Willi.	German.	Cairo.	G.R.B. (pp.W.D.)	G.R.B. (pp.H.M.G.)	-	For Germany.

NAME.	NATIONALITY.	LOCATION	ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY.	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY UNRRA.	OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
SCHARTZ Mihai SCHARTZ ANNA Child Ligia.	Rumanian.	Jerusalem.	C.R.B. (pp.P.W.B).	£ 50. pp.p.W.B.	To house and feed.	For Rumania, difficulty in obtaining entrance as man is ex Force 133.
SHEHI Adam.	Albanian (Royalist)	Unknown.	C.R.B. (pp.Force 133.)	-	-	Gone to ground, lost for over a year.
TSUNGU Mahmut. TSUNGU Zonja Infant	Albanian. (Royalist).	Cairo.	C.R.B. (pp.P.W.B).	£ 50 p.m. (pp.P.W.B).	-	Definitely displaced persons unable to return to Albania.
WEINZIERL Aurel.	Hungarian.	Br Army.	W.D.	W.D.	-	Was ex force 133, now serving with RASC/EFI endeavouring to transfer to A.W.2.
CVETKOVIC Cedomir. CVETKOVIC Annie. CVETKOVIC Bratislav.	Jugoslav.	Cairo.	BISMM/CRB.	BISMM.	-	For Jugoslavia. Man of ex Force 133 may therefore be D.P.
KISIC Radovan.	Jugoslav.	Cairo.	BISMM/CRB.	BISMM.	-	For Jugoslavia. Man of ex Force 133 may therefore be D.P.
BEKEN. Haig. BEKEN Sonja.	Turkish.	Cairo.	C.E.Hq BTE.	W.D.	-	No papers. May not be able to return to Turkey which he left illegally to work with W.D. May be D.P.

C

UNRRA ME DP SITREP AS AT SEPTEMBER 1946.

Nationality.	Totals.	Locations.		Remarks. POLES Awaiting Repatriation.
Polish.	32,536	East Africa.	18231	409
		India	4500	150
		Lebanon.	4293	?
		Palestine	5510	80
		El Shatt.	2	-
Yugoslav.	755	El Shatt.		52 awaiting immigration.
Greek.	61	El Shatt	58	4 awaiting immigration.
		Unknown.	3	
Italian.	54	El Shatt.		
British.	44	El Shatt.		Incl 2 British Indians.
Dodecanese.	16	El Shatt.	1	
		Port Said.	4	4 awaiting immigration.
		Unknown.	11	
Austrian.	9	El Shatt.	8	1 awaiting repatriation.
		Alex.	1	
Spanish.	3	El Shatt.		
German.	2	El Shatt.		
Czech.	2	Palestine.		Awaiting repatriation.
Turkish.	1	El Shatt.		
Irakian.	1	El Shatt.		
Stateless.	1	El Shatt.		
TOTAL.	33,485.			

NOTES:
(1) Of the above total 928 are accommodated in EL Shatt Camp.
(2) Of the Yugoslav total 105 are related to 51 members of the Yugoslav Military Forces.
(3) Although subject to final confirmation, this Office understands that UNRRA is financially responsible for care, maintenance and Repatriation of all M.E., Polish Refugees with effect from 1st August 1946.
(4) UNRRA is responsible administratively and financially for care and maintenance of all D.Ps., in EL Shatt Camp while awaiting repatriation or resettlement.
(5) UNRRA MEO has registered for ultimate repatriation by UNRRA the following groups of ex-enemy nationals in Palestine:

Austrians.	320
Bulgarians.	152
Rumanians.	190
Hungarians.	121
Germans.	52
	835

UNRRA has not, as yet, accepted responsibility for the care and maintenance of these D.Ps., while awaiting repatriation.
(6) UNRRA is financially responsible only for the return of Refugees to their country of origin or last place of residence.
(7) Financially responsibility for immigration rests with the individuals concerned.

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UK Delegation

New York

~~Telegram~~.

No 1536

Date 6 Oct 14

En Clair

Dept No 1

Copy to WO (C.A.I) (Capt. Alexander)

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Despatched 1.37A M.

FERTILE

Your telegram No 1121 [of 30th September; numbers of refugees & displaced persons cared for by British authorities in Middle East]

1. Following are approximate figures :-

Dodecanese 15, East Africa 120, Egypt 542, Eritrea 64, ~~Lebanon 3,000~~ Palestine 16, Tripolitania 1.

2. Above figures do not

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(repeat not) include Italians or persons cared for by UNRRA.

~~and are liable to correction~~

I.L.H.

14/10

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En Clair DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO NEW YORK.

(To United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations).

No. 1536

14th October 1946. D. 1.37a.m. 15th October 1946.

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Palestine 16,	Tripolitania 1.

2. Above figures do not (repeat not) include Italians or persons cared for by UNRRA.

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WR 2920
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WR2920/39/48
Mr Van Loo (Treasury)
to Mr Edmonds
D. 1.10.46.
R. 4.10.46.

U.N.R.R.A's assumption of responsibility for PDPs in ~~the Lebanon~~ Refers to F.O. letter of 18th Sept. (WR2479) Agrees to the starting date of 1st Aug. and the suggested per capita rate of £10 per month. Has written to Hancock asking him to advance a further sum of $60,000 in Beirut against recovery from the I.T.C. in the usual way. Hopes to recover from UNRRA.

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References.

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Sent to H. Pole (UNRRA) ~~from~~
Cred. 30
8) Mr Van Loo (Treas)
up. Oct. 31

(Minutes.)

PP in N Dept. 25/9

~~Sg. Any action required?~~ Sent UNRRA accordingly.

A.W.H. Wilkinson 19/10

Finance Dept first

A.W.H. 26/10

(Action completed.)	(Index.)
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30953 F.O.P.

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JC

Tel. No.: Whitehall 1234

Your Reference WR/2479/39/48

Treasury Reference

Enclosure + minute will follow

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

W.R. 2920
4 OCT 1946

1st October, 1946.

WR.

Dear Mr. Edmonds,

I refer to your letter of the 18th September to Mr. Eggers about U.N.R.R.A. responsibility for Polish refugees in the Lebanon which I will try to answer point by point.

1. We agree to the starting date of 1st August and to the suggested per capita rate of £10 per month.

2. I understand that H.M.G. will continue to finance the expenditure in the first instance, the I.T.C. effecting recovery from U.N.R.R.A. on the basis of the per capita cost and within the budget allocation of £1,700,000.

C. J. Edmonds, Esq.,
Foreign Office.

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3. I have today written to Mr. Hancock asking him to advance a further sum of £60,000 in Beirut against recovery from the I.T.C. in the usual way. We will hope to recover from U.N.R.R.A.

Yours sincerely,

Cranbrook

(for Miss T. Wells, who is away for a couple of days)

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WR 2820/39/48

Draft. AWHW 19/10

Sir H. Gale

Telegram. UNRRA

Finance Dept first
25/10

Copy to Mr Van Loo [Ty]
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30th Oct. 1946.

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Despatched ——— M.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th September regarding financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the Lebanon, I am etc. to inform you ~~that~~ of his Majesty's Government's concurrence with the suggestion that UNRRA's responsibility for these people should be assumed as from the 1st August 1946 and that the amount payable per head should be £10 per month per refugee. It is also agreed

that

that the conditions set out in your letter of the 7th August would apply, in all other respects, to the refugees in the Lebanon in the same way as for those in the other areas.

(Sd) C. J. Edwards

Awtw 26/10

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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

30th October, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th September regarding financial responsibility for Polish refugees in the Lebanon, I am directed by Mr. Attlee to inform you of His Majesty's Government's concurrence with the suggestion that U.N.R.R.A.'s responsibility for these people should be assumed as from the 1st August 1946 and that the amount payable per head should be £10 per month per refugee. It is also agreed that the conditions set out in your letter of the 7th August would apply, in all other respects, to the refugees in the Lebanon in the same way as for those in the other areas.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) C.J. Edmonds,

Lieutenant-General
Sir Humfrey Gale, K.B.E., C.B.,
U.N.R.R.A.

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Consulate General
Beirut to N. Dept
23/8
D. 30. 9. 46.
R. 5. 9. 46.

~~Responsibility for Polish refugees in the Lebanon~~ Refers to Beirut tel. no 426 (WR 1271). Mrs Elizabeth Brown and Mr Tadeusz Rozycki have just arrived in Beirut in connexion with the above. Encloses copy of letter from UNRRA Office, in Cairo announcing this visit. Requests verification of information therein.

Last Paper.
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References.

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(How disposed of.)
D/t) H.M. Cons Gen. Beirut
from Refugee Dept Oct 30
8) Corresp. Mr Van Loo Tsy Oct 31

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PP in N Dept 4/10 – no copies of ref. available

~~I think that we should tell Beirut that~~

Let us inform Beirut that the Lebanese Govt. have agreed to UNRRA taking over responsibility as from 1st August and that HMG have concurred. I should be grateful ~~for~~ if Northern Dept's could add their comments on para. 3 of Beirut's letter.

AWH Wilkinson 21/10
AWH WILKINSON

Dept Beirut.

Northern Dept. } first.
Finance Dept

25/10

see addition to draft.

para 2 ought to be agreed with the Treasury (Mr Van Loo)

23. X.

Mr Van Loo has concurred.

AWHW 26/10

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British Consulate-General,
BEIRUT.
30th September, 1946.

No.23/8.

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Dear Northern Department,

WR.

The first representative of UNRRA to visit Beirut in connexion with the maintenance of Polish refugees since the person mentioned in paragraph 3 of our telegram No.426 of the 11th May last has just arrived. She is Miss Elizabeth Brown, UNRRA representative at Jerusalem, and she has come here with the object of arranging the repatriation to Poland of any refugees in the Lebanon who may wish to return home. She is accompanied by Mr. Tadeusz Kozub, an official representative of the Warsaw Government.

2. We enclose a copy of a letter from the UNRRA Office in Cairo announcing this visit. We shall be glad to know if the information in paragraph I of this letter is correct. (Incidentally, the information in paragraph 3 that the Lebanese Government have now recognised the Warsaw Government is quite incorrect.) We and the Legation are giving all the assistance we can to Miss Brown and Mr. Kozub. We are, however, doubtful if there will be much response to their appeal for Poles to register their names for repatriation.

3. The local British military authorities, who are on the point of evacuation, have been informed through G.H.Q., M.E.L.F., that all Polish refugees who have military connexions - and this seems to apply to practically the whole lot here - will be able to move to England in connexion with the Polish Resettlement Corps. Announcements to this effect and that the first shipload will leave for England at the end of November have even appeared in the press. We shall be grateful for any information you can give us about this proposal. Clearly, if the anti-Warsaw refugees here think they are shortly going to England to establish themselves permanently in the British Empire or in self-imposed exile elsewhere, they will have less inducement to consider returning to Poland than if they knew the only alternative was lingering on in the Lebanon, where their presence is likely to become less and less welcome and their living conditions less and less secure.

Yours ever,

CONSULATE GENERAL.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL BEIRUT

The Northern Department,
Foreign Office,
LONDON.

24 OCT 1946

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
8 Sharia Dar El-Shifa, Garden City, Cairo.

BS 3/16/3

17 September 1946.

H.B.M. Consul General
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Sir:

This letter is further to my letter to you of 17th August 1946 on the subject of Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

1. This office has now received a copy of the letter addressed tothe Foreign Office on 7 August from the Fifth Council Session of UNRRA at Geneva but we have not yet received any information concerning the acceptance by the Foreign Office of the conditions suggested by UNRRA for the take-over of Polish refugees. This larger subject therefore must still await receipt of the final agreement with the Foreign Office, although it is our understanding that financial responsibility by UNRRA will be backdated to 1 August 1946. As soon as final terms of agreement are completed and this office is notified, a representative from UNRRA Middle East will no doubt visit Beirut to discuss the matter more fully.

2. We have now been informed officially from UNRRA London that UNRRA has received an official request from the Lebanon Government to undertake the work of repatriation and care and maintenance for Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

3. I have been informed unofficially by the Polish Legation in Cairo that the Lebanese Government has now recognized the Polish Provisional Government in Warsaw but understand that no official representative of the Warsaw Government has yet been appointed to the Lebanese Government.

4. Pending the settlement of the points mentioned above, UNRRA, however, at present can now proceed with the arrangements for the repatriation immediately to Poland of those refugees requesting such repatriation. In view of this the following action has been decided upon:

a. Mr. Tadeuze Kuzob, an official representative of the Warsaw Government who is now the acting head of the Polish Repatriation Mission to the Middle East, is proceeding to Beirut within a few days. I have asked him to make contact with you and I would request you to give Mr. Kuzob every cooperation in his work. Mr. Kuzob is quite realistic and appreciates the difficulties which he may face and the opposition to his presence by many of the refugees. For his work and for the work of UNRRA in arranging speedily repatriation, it may be necessary for Mr. Kuzob to visit the various Polish settlements. It will be appreciated if your assistance can be given in this matter through the various settlement administrative officers in order that Mr. Kuzob's position and person can be protected so far as possible.

b. Miss Elizabeth Brown, the UNRRA Representative in Jerusalem, will proceed to Beirut early next week, I hope on Monday, 23 September, and I have asked her to make immediate contact with you. Miss Brown will be responsible for the registration by UNRRA of any Polish refugees requiring repatriation and will be working intimately with Mr. Kuzob who will

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represent the Polish Government in such matters as determination of nationality and eligibility for reentry to Poland. Miss Brown, no doubt, will have many local problems such as adequate advertisement of UNRRA registration in order that the refugees may have a fair opportunity to know that UNRRA repatriation is now taking place. I will appreciate it if you can give Miss Brown every assistance possible.

5. Plans for the removal of those wishing repatriation cannot be finalized until we have some information from Miss Brown regarding the numbers involved but our present proposal is that the refugees will be moved by ship from Beirut to Port Said where they will be accommodated in the UNRRA transit camp in Egypt for further shipping to Italy and transit across Europe to Poland. For your information, UNRRA has just completed the Middle East phase of a repatriation movement from Palestine.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours faithfully,

For Chief of Middle East Office:

(sgd) L. Findlay

L. Findlay, M.B., Ch. B.,
Director, Division of
Relief Services.

cc. Miss Elizabeth Brown,
Jerusalem

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HMC-G.

~~Telegram.~~
Beirut

from Refugee Dept.

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Northern Dept } first.
Finance Dept

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See N. Dept. minute as to need of clearing this with Treasury before it goes.

Copy corr. Mr Van Loo (T'y).

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Despatched ——— M.

Sotk Gen. Mtle

Dear Consulate-General,

Your letter 23/80 of the 30th December about Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

UNRRA have ~~now~~ assumed financial responsibility for these people as from the 1st August at a per capita rate of £10 per month. It is understood that HMG will continue to finance the expenditure in the first instance, the Interim Treasury Committee effecting recovery

recovery from UNRRA on the basis of the per capita cost and within the UNRRA budget allocation of £1,700,000.

As regards the points raised in your paragraph 3 - the British military authorities would appear to have gone rather further than the situation warrants. No date has yet been fixed for the movement of dependents of the Polish Armed Forces and it seems unlikely on present form that they will be moved until next year. A definition of what constitutes a "dependent" has been agreed in the case/

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case of "dependents" in Italy but no decision has yet been taken as to what constitutes a "dependent" elsewhere. We will keep you informed on these points & would suggest that you discuss them with Effect of the Treasury who, we understand, is visiting you in connection with Polish refugees.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

(WR 2842/39/48)

30th October, 1946.

Dear Consulate-General,

Your letter 23/8 of the 30th December about Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

U.N.R.R.A. have assumed financial responsibility for these people as from the 1st August at a per capita rate of £10 per month. It is understood that His Majesty's Government will continue to finance the expenditure in the first instance, the Interim Treasury Committee effecting recovery from U.N.R.R.A. on the basis of the per capita cost and within the U.N.R.R.A. budget allocation of £1,700,000.

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Yours ever,

Refugee Department.

British Consulate-General,
Beirut.

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Registry Number } WR2875/39/48

FROM UNRRA

No. Commd.

Dated Oct 7th

Received in Registry } Oct 9th.

Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for Poles in Mideast

Refers to WR2363/39/48.

Discusses various points raised in the F.O. letter of ref.

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References.

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8) Tsy. (Mr Wells)
Cd. (Mr Batty)
D.O. (Mr Hanson)
I.O. (Mr Schmidt)
Act 31
8) Mr Dudley Ward (UNRRA)
Mar. 7

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WR 3226

(Minutes.)

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Copy to recipients of ref.

AWdW 19/10.

Finance Dept 9/10 — for any obs.

I think the Treasury line will be that steps will have to be taken to keep expenditure within the amount of £1,700,000 assigned by U.N.R.R.A; but since the £1,700,000 covers repatriation costs as well, this may not be possible. What is necessary, however, is that the £10 per capita per month charge should not be exceeded by the actual charge per refugee for food, accommodation and all other charges.

H.W. Minshull.

Mr Eggers will be visiting Beirut & will no doubt impress this upon the local authorities

I have spoken to Mr van Loo (Tsy) who says that Mr Eggers will undoubtedly act as suggested in Mr Minshull's minute.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION,
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE,
11, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

Telephone:
LANgham 3090

7 October 1946.

WR 2375
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The Under-Secretary of State,
The Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter WR 2363/39/48 of 4th September in which you inform me of H.M.G.'s concurrence in the conditions under which UNRRA is prepared to accept financial responsibility for Polish Refugees in India, Palestine, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

I confirm your understanding of paragraph 6 of these conditions, i.e. that the per capita sums set out therein are in respect of all services as well as of food and accommodation.

As regards paragraph 10 it is hoped that the operations at present carried on by UNRRA with regard to displaced persons may be transferred at an early date to the proposed International Refugee Organisation or to an appropriate interim Commission. It is, however, not possible for the Administration to undertake that, should the limit of £1,700,000 be reached before such transfer takes place, additional UNRRA funds will be available for this operation. This sum is the limit which can be allocated to this operation without interfering with the supply programme, and as you will observe from the/

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the first two paragraphs of Resolution 99 UNRRA cannot undertake any financial commitment with respect to displaced persons which may interfere with this programme without the approval of the Central Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Humphrey M. Gale.

Personal Representative
of the Director General.

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TELEGRAM FROM Consul General BEIRUT

No. 814

Dated 7. 10. 46.

Received in Registry } 5. 11. 46.

Polish refugees in the Lebanon.

Refers to Beirut Consulate General's letter of Sept 30th (WR 2842) and requests an early reply regarding the proposed removal of all Polish military families from the Lebanon during the coming winter.

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WR 2875 ~~WR 2559~~.

References.

WR 2842/39/48.

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Refugee Dept have now replied — see WR 2842/39/48.

No further action required.

Classification B2. Ought this not to have been entered W.R, as the ref. was?

CJH 2 Oct

Awgw 6/11

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FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Eyres.
No. 814

D. 6.54 p.m. G.M.T. 7th October 1946.
R. 7.20 p.m. B.S.T. 7th October 1946.

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7th October 1946.

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Consulate General's letter to Northern Department of September 30th about Polish refugees, paragraph 3.

I shall be grateful for early reply by telegraph to Beirut indicating whether it is proposed to remove all Polish military families from Lebanon during coming winter.

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Lisbon Chancery

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Assumption by UNRRA of responsibility for Polish refugees in the Middle East.

Refers to F.O. letter (WR 2585) of Oct 29th.

Encloses copies of three letters to Finance Dept regarding expenditure incurred on the Treasury Interim Committee for Polish Questions accounts since the end of July 1946.

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References.
See X5271/505 (1945 file)

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With compliments of

Lisbon Chancery.

(Reference: Refugee Dept. letter
WR 2585/39/48)) of Oct. 29th,
1946.

British Embassy,
LISBON.

4th November, 1946.

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COPY.

British Embassy,
LISBON.

45/85/ 46.

1st Nov. 1946.

Dear Department,

The only payment made by us on behalf of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions since our letter of October 1st was Escudos 95,000 (= at 99.80 £951. 18. 1.) advanced to the Polish Welfare Committee on October 31st.

Yours ever,

Chancery.

Finance Dept.,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

COPY.

British Embassy,
LISBON.

45/73/46

1st October, 1946.

Dear Department,

The only payment made by us on behalf of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions since our letter of September 2nd was Esc. 107,000 on September 28th (= at 99.80 £1,072. 2. 11.).

Yours ever,

Chancery.

Finance Department,
Foreign Office,
LONDON. S.W. 1.

COPY.

British Embassy,

LISBON.

45/63/46. 2nd September, 1946.

Dear Department,

We enclose a list of payments made by us on behalf of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions during the month of August, 1946.

Yours ever,

Chancery.

Finance Department,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

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Beirut Consulate-General (comm'l) 23/8/D.

9th Nov. 1946.

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Payment of Pensions to Polish Refugees in Lebanon.

Copy of Consulate-Genl's letter of Nov. 9th to Ministry of Pensions enclosing an estimate of expenditure necessary for payment of pensions to Polish refugees in Lebanon, & requesting that payment be made into account of H.M. Legation.

Last Paper.

WR 3271

References.

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Submitted for information. AWH 22/11

Northern Dept. JCR 22/11
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British Consulate-General,
BEIRUT.
9th November, 1946.

No.23/8/D.

The Ministry of Pensions,
L O N D O N.

R 3444
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1. The attached is an estimate for November, 1946, of expenditure necessary for the payment of pensions to Polish refugees at present in the Lebanon.

2. It is requested that the total amount of £570, and subsequent monthly totals, be paid into the account of H.M. Legation in Beirut in time for payments to individuals to be made promptly on the first of each month. In future it is hoped that the monthly estimate will be forwarded earlier so as to make this possible.

3. Permission is also requested for the employment of a Polish clerk at the Ministry's expense at a salary of £10 per month (in addition to refugee allowance), to deal with the work involved which can no longer be undertaken by the reduced staff of the Polish Welfare Organization.

An early reply would be appreciated.

(Sgd.) R.L. COWLEY

H.M. CONSUL GENERAL.

Copies to: H.H. Eggers Esq., O.B.E.,
c/o U.N.R.R.A., Cairo.
Refugee Department, Foreign Office,
London.
H.M. Legation, Beirut (for Mr. Forter).

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British Consulate-General,
BEIRUT.
9th November, 1946.

No.38/8/D.

The Ministry of Pensions,
L O N D O N.

1. The attached is an estimate for November, 1946, of expenditure necessary for the payment of pensions to Polish refugees at present in the Lebanon.

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2. It is requested that the total amount of £870, and subsequent monthly totals, be paid into the account of H.M. Legation in Beirut in time for payments to individuals to be made promptly on the first of each month. In future it is hoped that the monthly estimate will be forwarded earlier so as to make this possible.

3. Permission is also requested for the employment of a Polish clerk at the Ministry's expense at a salary of £10 per month (in addition to refugee allowance), to deal with the work involved which can no longer be undertaken by the reduced staff of the Polish Welfare Organization.

An early reply would be appreciated.

(Sgd.) R.L. COWLEY

H.M. CONSUL GENERAL.

Copies to: M.H. Eggers Esq., O.B.E.,
c/o U.N.R.R.A., Cairo.
Refugee Department, Foreign Office,
London.
H.M. Legation, Beirut (for Mr. Porter).

COPY

BUDGETARY ESTIMATE

of Invalids' Section of the Polish Refugee Office in Beirut for NOVEMBER 1946, including explanations.

A/. Invalids' compensation:
Awarded 78, from this number:
To be paid in November 1946. 52
for revision by Mixed Polish British Board . 7
Paid once 13
Returned to Invalids' Branch as dead, with no relatives or living in other countries . . 6

B/. Additional allowances to invalids' compensation for November 1946 . . 54.

C/. Compensation for families:
Awarded and to be paid in November . . . . . 20.

For examination:
a/. by the Mixed British Polish Board . . . for reunion 7
new cases 93
b/. by the Invalids' Branch of ITC in London:
a/. invalids' compensation in Tehran . . . . . 8.
b/. recommended for award by Mixed Board. . . . . .20.
c/. compensation for families . . . . . .215.

Budget of Invalids' Section for November 1946.

A/. Invalids' compensation:

1/.	in arrears	£200.-.-.
2/.	permanent.	£230.-.-.
3/.	cure expenses	£ 80.-.-.
4/.	travelling expenses	£ 10.-.-.
5/.	stationery	£ 10.-.-.
6/.	postage	£ 4.-.-.
7/.	personnel / 3 clerks - 1st @ £10.-.-, 2nd & 3rd @ £8.-.-. /.	£ 26.-.-.
8/.	cost of burial.	£ 10.-.-.
	Total:	£570.-.-.

B/. Compensation for families of dead soldiers:

a/.	in arrears	£4.000.-.-.
b/.	permanent	£ 300.-.-.
	Total:	£4.300.-.-.

Remark: The payment of families compensation will be ordered by Invalids' Section of Interim Treasury Committee in London probably in November 1946.

Beirut, October 20th, 1946.

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Registry Number } WR3562/39/48

TELEGRAM FROM Lord Inverchapel Washington

No. 684 Saving

Dated 23.11.46.

Received in Registry } 26.11.46.

— Repatriation of Poles from the Middle East

Gives text of letter received from the Deputy Director General of UNRRA. containing a request for realid ~~est~~ raising for onward repatriation from Italy of Poles from the Middle East.

Last Paper.

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References.

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10) W.O. (Lt. Col Webster)
COGA (Mr Crawford)
Treasury (Mr Van Loo)
Nov 27th

11) Mr Crawford (COGA)
Lt. Col Webster (W.O.)
Dec 23rd.

9) W. to W. no 3985.
ref
Dec 24th

8) Mr Van Loo (Treasury)
Dec 24th

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Copied to { W.O. C.A.I. Lt. Col Webster
C.O. Mr Crawford
Treasury Mr Van Loo } for obs.

It is to be hoped that something can be done to help these people on their way. As we have now transmitted this request to the competent authorities, I do not think that there is any further action that we can take at this stage.

A W H Wilkinson 26/11

Northern Dept.

See within
W. to W. tel. no 7065 - Dec. 11th

~~Copy to recipients of ref.~~

In the absence of any reply from W.O. or COGA, I suggest that we write and ask them to do everything possible to get these Poles moved on and inform Washington accordingly.

A W H Wilkinson 16/12

Northern Dept.
German "
Sec R
Sec 19/12 } first.

I do not know the numbers involved but I cannot believe that there is not the sufficient transit accommodation available in the Villach area

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A W H 19/12

Now see WR 125/80/48 (1947)

A W H 9/12

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel
No. 684 Saving
23rd November, 1946

R. 4.35 p.m. 25th November, 1946

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Comply

The following letter from the Deputy Director General of U.N.R.R.A. has been received.

[Begins]

I have received a cable dated 12th November, 1946 from the Chief of Mission in Italy stating that the second Polish repatriation movement from the Middle East will be able to proceed only as far as Italy at this time because no heated trains are available for on-forwarding the displaced persons from Villach in the British Zone of Austria to Poland. The cable also stated that no heated rolling stock is available from the Italian State Railways and that the British and American Military Authorities in Italy are unable to assist as their rolling stock is urgently required to move prisoners of war.

Furthermore, the Displaced Persons Section of British Troops in Austria is reported in the cable to have stated that it is unable to accept this group in camps at Villach and that it will turn the Polish group back at Villach if they are sent on that far.

The U.N.R.R.A. Mission in Italy and our European Regional Office are doing everything they can to remove these impediments to repatriation. I am asking you to do whatever you can to help in this matter.

[Ends].

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel D. Untimed. 11th December, 1946.
No.7065

11th December, 1946. R. 8.28 a.m. 12th December, 1946.

... ...

My telegram No.684 Saving. WR

I should be grateful for instructions on what reply I may make to UNRRA.

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Draft.

① Mr Crawford COGA.

② Lt. Col Webster W.O. (C.A.I.)

from Mr Edmonds.

Washington tels 684 Saving & 7065

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Copy to Washington ref. [without enclosures] & to Mr Van Loo (T.)

IMMEDIATE

23 Dec 21

Dear Crawford

Dear Webster

I enclose, for easy reference, copies of ~~Please refer to~~ Washington telegrams 684 Saving and 7065 of the 23rd November and 11th December respectively, concerning the onward repatriation from Italy of Poles from the Middle East.

I should be grateful for any measures which you may be able to take to ~~remove~~ help these men on their way, as we are most anxious to get them home without any undue delay.

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Yours Sincerely

(Sgd) C. J. Edmonds.

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Lieutenant-Colonal
Webster,
War Office, (C.A.1.)

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R.S. Crawford, Esq.,
Control Office for Germany and Austria.

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Rome Chancery to Refugee Dept.

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21st Nov.
28th Nov. 1946

UNRRA responsibility for Polish Refugees in Middle East.

Refer to F.O. letter of Oct 29 (WR2585/39/48) Embassy have spent £8,948 on behalf of Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions since the end of July 1946. Detailed statement of account follows.

Last Paper.

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8) Mr Eggers
Mr Van Loo (Tg)
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Copy to Mr Eggers & Mr Van Loo (Tg) inf. each.

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Finance Dept a/a.
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Mr Ayston

B/w with statement referred to in para 2 please.

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The statement was received and entered N 254/257/55/47.

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The British Embassy,
ROME.

313/29/46

21st November, 1946.

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Dear Department,

With reference to your letter (WR.2585/39/48) of 29th October, the sum of £8,948 has been spent by this Embassy on behalf of the Interim Treasury Committee for Polish Questions since the end of July 1946 to date.

2. We are shortly sending to the Foreign Office a detailed statement of account which will cover the period in which you are interested.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Refugee Department,
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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